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House Bills

HB 2329 by Representatives Hunter, Alexander, Jarrett, Haigh, Nixon, and Chase

Clarifying that the state auditor and the joint legislative audit and review committee are among the entities that are exceptions to the provisions prohibiting disclosure of department of social and health services information.

Declares that it is the intent of the legislature to clarify that the state auditor and the joint legislative audit and review committee are included within the exception to the provisions prohibiting disclosure of department of social and health services information.

Finds that though these entities were intended to be included within the exception, a clarification is necessary to ensure that the state auditor and the joint legislative audit and review committee have full access to the records of the department of social and health services.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2330 by Representatives Blake, Buck, and Upthegrove

Modifying provisions concerning the administration of a crab pot buoy tag program.

Amends RCW 77.70.430 relating to a crab pot buoy tag program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2331 by Representatives Blake, Buck, and Upthegrove

Concerning public disclosure requirements for sensitive fish and wildlife data.

Declares that sensitive fish and wildlife data may be released to government agencies, public utilities, and their agents, and accredited colleges and universities concerned with fish and wildlife resources.

Provides that sensitive fish and wildlife data pertaining to the management of fish and wildlife resources on private land may be released to the owner of the land, lessee of the land, holder of a right of way or easement on the land, and their agent or agents.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2332 by Representatives Buck, Blake, and Upthegrove

Concerning recreational fishing for albacore tuna.

Amends RCW 77.32.010 relating to recreational fishing for albacore tuna.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2333 by Representatives Green, Haler, Conway, Curtis, Fromhold, McDonald, Walsh, Strow, Sells, Campbell, Miloscia, Roach, P. Sullivan, Morrell, McDermott, Serben, Darneille, Appleton, Williams, and Chase

Providing parity for home care agency workers.

Provides that benefits, including but not limited to medical, dental, and vision, shall be provided to home care agency workers at the same rate and on the same basis as benefits negotiated for individual provider home care workers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2334 by Representatives Appleton, Woods, Sells, Eickmeyer, Flannigan, Strow, B. Sullivan, Priest, Jarrett, Chase, and Moeller

Modifying residential density requirements in fully incorporated island cities.

Recognizes that cities coterminous with, and comprised solely of, an island in qualifying counties have unique and valuable qualities that must be preserved. Recognizing the importance of preserving these qualities, as well as the continual changes that accompany population growth, the legislature finds that these island cities must have the authority to determine the residential densities, within the confines of properly accommodating growth, that are best suited to retain the agricultural, rural, residential, and historic character enjoyed by the residents.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2335 by Representatives Appleton, Campbell, Cody, Moeller, Green, Clibborn, Lantz, Morrell, and Chase

Regulating body piercing.

Directs the secretary of health to adopt by rule requirements for standard universal precautions, as recommended by the United States centers for disease control and prevention, for preventing the spread of disease and the sterilization of needles, single-use disposable sharps, reusable sharps, instruments, and jewelry used by a person who practices body piercing or body art.

Declares that a person who practices body piercing or body art must comply with the rules adopted by the department of health under this act.

Provides that a violation of this act is a misdemeanor.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2336 by Representatives Appleton, Haler, Hasegawa, B. Sullivan, Sells, Cox, Dunshee, Chase, Miloscia, P. Sullivan, Haigh, Green, Flannigan, Simpson, Moeller, and Kilmer

Changing the state formula for funding allocations for pupil transportation.

Revises the state formula for funding allocations for pupil transportation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2337 by Representatives Linville, Strow, Dunshee, Appleton, Haler, and Chase; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and Public Works Board

Authorizing projects recommended by the public works board.

Authorizes projects recommended by the public works board.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.

HB 2338 by Representatives Kirby, Roach, and Chase; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Extending the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account.

Extends the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account to June 30, 2011.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2339 by Representatives Kirby, Roach, and Chase; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Regulating business development companies and the participation of financial institutions and nondepository lenders in economic development within the state.

Revises provisions relating to business development companies and the participation of financial institutions and nondepository lenders in economic development within the state.

Repeals RCW 31.24.040, 31.24.050, 31.24.060, and 31.24.180.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2340 by Representatives Kirby, Roach, and Chase; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Regulating mortgage brokers and loan originators.

Revises provisions regulating mortgage brokers and loan originators.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2341 by Representatives Moeller, Hinkle, Williams, Sells, Upthegrove, and Lantz

Modifying optometry licensing requirements.

Revises optometry licensing requirements of RCW 18.53.010.

Declares that the optometry board may adopt rules under this act authorizing an inactive license status.

Provides that an inactive license may be placed in an active status upon compliance with rules established by the optometry board.

Declares that provisions relating to disciplinary action against a person with a license are applicable to a person with an inactive license, except that when disciplinary proceedings against a person with an inactive license have been initiated, the license will remain inactive until the proceedings have been completed.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2342 by Representatives Moeller, Appleton, Nixon, Hunt, Curtis, and Lantz

Establishing a health care declarations registry.

Declares an intent to establish an electronic registry to improve access to health care decision-making documents. The registry would support, not supplant, the current systems for advance directives and mental health advance directives by improving access to these documents.

Declares an intent that the registry would be consulted by health care providers in every instance where there may be a question about the patient's wishes for periods of incapacity and the existence of a document that may clarify a patient's intentions.

Directs the department of health to establish and maintain a statewide health care declarations registry containing the health care declarations identified in this act as submitted by residents of Washington. The department shall digitally reproduce and store health care declarations in the registry. The department may establish standards for individuals to submit digitally reproduced health care declarations directly to the registry, but is not required to review the health care declarations that it receives to ensure they comply with the particular statutory requirements applicable to the document.

Provides that any physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, health care provider acting under the direction of a physician or an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or health care facility, as defined in chapter 70.122 RCW or in chapter 71.32 RCW, and its personnel who make a good faith health care decision in reliance on the provisions of an apparently genuine and valid health care declaration received from the registry shall be immune from legal liability, including civil, criminal, or professional conduct sanctions, unless the physician, health care provider, or health care facility and its personnel have actual knowledge that the declaration has been changed, revoked, or is legally invalid or is otherwise negligent.

Provides that, except for acts of gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional wrongdoing, the department of health is not subject to civil liability for any claims or demands arising out of the administration or operation of the health care declarations registry established in this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2343 by Representatives Moeller and Appleton

Modifying juvenile waiver of rights.

Declares that parents have a fundamental interest in knowing if their child has been taken into police custody for questioning and where their child is being held. Because a parent or guardian is most often in a position to provide a juvenile with guidance in matters of great importance to a juvenile, it is the intent of the legislature to assist parents in their ability to aid and guide their children when making important legal decisions, including the decision to waive legal rights during custodial interrogations.

Declares an intent to provide children in police custody the opportunity to seek and receive consultation with his or her parents.

Requires that, when a law enforcement officer takes a juvenile into custody, the officer must make reasonable attempts to notify a parent, guardian, or custodian that the juvenile is in custody and where the juvenile is being held.

Provides that when a parent, guardian, or custodian requests to consult with a juvenile in custody and makes himself or herself immediately available, he or she shall be permitted to consult with the juvenile immediately upon his or her request, unless: (1) The juvenile objects to the consultation while in the presence of the parent, guardian, or custodian; or

(2) The parent, guardian, or custodian is a codefendant or victim of the juvenile.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2344 by Representatives Kessler, Buck, Kagi, Curtis, and Takko

Authorizing three superior court judges in Clallam county.

Authorizes an additional superior court judge in Clallam county.

Declares that the additional judicial position for Clallam county created by this act is effective only if Clallam county through its duly constituted legislative authority documents its approval of the additional position and its agreement that it will pay out of county funds, without reimbursement from the state, the expenses of the existing and additional judicial positions as provided by statute and the state Constitution.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2345 by Representatives Simpson, Rodne, and Appleton

Addressing regional fire protection service authorities.

Revises provisions relating to regional fire protection service authorities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2346 by Representatives Simpson, Appleton, and Williams

Regulating fire-safe cigarettes.

Requires the state director of fire protection to determine for each variety of cigarette sold or proposed for sale in this state whether that variety of cigarette is fire safe.

Requires the state director of fire protection to issue, keep current, and make available to the public a list of the cigarette varieties determined by the state director of fire protection to be fire safe.

Authorizes the state director of fire protection, by rule or upon application, to approve cigarette package or carton markings, stickers, labeling, or other devices that identify a cigarette variety as fire safe.

Provides that a person may not distribute or offer to sell a cigarette within this state unless the cigarette is of a variety the state director of fire protection has listed as fire safe under this act.

Authorizes the state director of fire protection to impose a civil penalty for a violation of this act. The civil penalty may not exceed: (1) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to a wholesaler or retailer, ten thousand dollars or five times the value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater; or

(2) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to the public: (a) For a distribution or offer of not more than one thousand cigarettes, five hundred dollars; and (b) for a distribution or offer of more than one thousand cigarettes, one thousand dollars or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2347 by Representatives Morris, Hudgins, and Kilmer

Promoting the growth of research in the science and technology fields.

Recognizes the difficulty in attracting and retaining top quality graduate students in Washington state, particularly in the science and technology fields. In order to promote the growth of research in these fields, the legislature intends to help colleges and universities raise additional moneys for graduate fellowships by creating a graduate fellowship trust fund program for the sciences.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Higher Ed & Workforce Ed.

HB 2348 by Representatives Morris and Ericksen

Extending tax relief for aluminum smelters.

Extends tax relief for aluminum smelters to January 1, 2012.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2349 by Representatives Morris, Hudgins, and Chase

Providing new renewable energy standards.

Establishes the following new renewable energy standards for state agencies: (1) By July 1, 2006, state agencies must buy at least five percent of their total electricity from qualified alternative energy resources.

(2) By July 1, 2007, state agencies must buy at least ten percent of their total electricity from qualified alternative energy resources.

(3) By July 1, 2008, state agencies must buy at least fifteen percent of their total electricity from qualified alternative energy resources.

(4) By July 1, 2009, state agencies must buy at least twenty percent of their total electricity from qualified alternative energy resources.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2350 by Representatives Morris and Hudgins

Limiting the disclosure of energy infrastructure information.

Limits disclosure of geographic information system mapping data containing the location and selected attributes of gas transmission and hazardous liquid transmission pipelines, and liquified natural gas facilities, over two hundred fifty pounds per square inch gauge, created or obtained by the utilities and transportation commission, except for assistance to pipeline operators, first responders, local governments, and one-number locator services as provided under RCW 81.88.080 and chapter 19.122 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2351 by Representatives Morris and Hudgins

Concerning energy resource planning and renewable energy standards.

Declares an intent to establish a goal of encouraging the construction and development of renewable energy in the state of Washington to meet increasing demands for affordable and reliable electricity. Since electricity supply

may lag behind electricity demand, the result may be a sharp increase in electricity prices.

Finds that it is desirable to shorten the time it takes to bring new electricity generation to market. Washington is a leader in the development of renewable energy technologies and the legislature acknowledges that encouraging the development of renewable technologies in meeting increased electricity demand will create jobs for Washington's citizens.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2352 by Representatives Morris and Hudgins

Modifying net metering provisions.

Amends RCW 80.60.010, 80.60.020, and 80.60.030 relating to net metering.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2353 by Representatives Pettigrew, Shabro, Kessler, Priest, Cox, Conway, Haler, P. Sullivan, Appleton, Walsh, Kenney, Green, Armstrong, Hasegawa, Kagi, Hunt, McCoy, Buri, Fromhold, Strow, Curtis, McDermott, Williams, Hudgins, Moeller, Sells, Lantz, Kilmer, and Chase

Providing collective bargaining for family child care providers.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to improve access to and the quality of family child care services. Thousands of Washington families depend upon family child care providers to care for their children while the parents are at work or school.

Finds that to ensure that children receive the highest quality services from these providers, it is necessary to achieve and maintain a stable, well-trained work force. To accomplish these goals, it is the policy of this state to encourage family child care providers and licensees to have a voice in the development of child care assistance and other programs through collective bargaining and other joint activities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2354 by Representatives Williams and Chase

Adding provisions that define "survey," "surveying," "the practice of land surveying," and "responsible charge."

Adds provisions that define "survey," "surveying," "the practice of land surveying," and "responsible charge" to RCW 18.43.020.

Provides that the review, approval, or examination by a governmental entity of survey data, documents prepared, or services performed by a person authorized to practice land surveying must be by, or under the direct supervision of, another person authorized to practice land surveying.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2355 by Representatives Williams, Chase, and Hunt
Creating the Washington state combined fund drive foundation.

Declares that it is in the public interest to create a nonprofit foundation to provide a method for individuals and groups to contribute to the support of the beneficiaries of the Washington state combined fund drive.

Declares that the purpose of the Washington state combined fund drive foundation is to solicit support for the combined fund drive, cooperate with other organizations, and encourage gifts to support and reduce the administrative cost of the combined fund drive.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2356 by Representative Williams

Modifying provisions with regard to recreational activities on certain lands.

Declares that, for purposes of RCW 4.24.210, the following are not fees: (1) A license or permit issued for statewide use under authority of chapter 79A.05 RCW or Title 77 RCW; and

(2) A daily, seasonal, or annual charge, not to exceed ten dollars per person, per day, and not to exceed three hundred fifty dollars annually per person, for access to publicly or privately owned lands for the purposes of outdoor recreation where all revenues are devoted to land management costs reasonably related to providing the recreational access. Compensable land management costs are limited to: Road maintenance; waste removal; repair and maintenance of gates, signs, trails, and access support facilities; enforcement presence; printing of maps and brochures; and costs of fee collection, if any.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2357 by Representatives Williams and Appleton

Modifying work programs at correctional institutions.

Declares that chapter 72.09 RCW does not permit a unit of local government to execute or renew a contract to purchase class II through IV correctional industries services if: (1) The services have been customarily and historically provided by classified public employees before the effective date of this act; and

(2) The purchase of such services will have the effect of terminating classified public employees or positions existing at the time the contract was executed or renewed.

Declares that this act applies to all class II through IV correctional industries contracts entered into with a unit of local government on or after the effective date of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2358 by Representatives Haigh, Hunt, Nixon, McDermott, Miloscia, Moeller, and Chase; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

Regarding penalties for violations of the public disclosure act.

Declares an intent to increase the authority of the public disclosure commission to more effectively foster compliance with our state's public disclosure and fair campaign practices act, and to make the agency's penalty authority for violations of chapter 42.17 RCW more consistent with other agencies that enforce state ethics laws and more commensurate with the level of political spending in the state of Washington.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2359 by Representatives Appleton, Williams, Moeller, Morrell, and Lantz

Penalizing unlicensed makers of small loans.

Requires the director to ban from participation in the affairs of any licensee any director, officer, sole proprietor, partner, controlling person, or employee of an entity that engaged in the business of small loans without being licensed. This ban must be for a minimum of ten years. It may extend for the lifetime of the banned person. In determining the length of the ban, the director may consider the number of consumers, the number of loans, the total amount loaned, and any other relevant information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2360 by Representatives Appleton, Moeller, Morrell, and Lantz

Studying small loans.

Finds that there is inadequate information to determine the fairness or reasonableness of fees and interest associated with small loans, also known as payday loans.

Requires the director of the department of financial institutions to study the economics and business models associated with small loans and report the findings to the legislature.

Authorizes the director to include recommendations based upon the findings in the report. The report must be submitted to the legislature by November 30, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2361 by Representatives Appleton, Moeller, Morrell, and Lantz

Establishing a minimum duration for small loans.

Provides that a borrower must be allowed a minimum of thirty days to pay off a small loan. A licensee may not charge an additional fee or interest if the borrower pays off the loan within thirty days.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2362 by Representatives Appleton, Moeller, Morrell, and Lantz

Establishing a minimum duration for small loans.

Provides that a borrower must be allowed a minimum of thirty days to pay off a small loan. A licensee may not charge an additional fee or interest if the borrower pays off the loan within forty-five days.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2363 by Representatives Appleton, Moeller, and Morrell

Using postdated checks or drafts as security for small loans.

Requires a licensee to deposit all postdated checks or drafts as soon as practicable after the date of the check or draft has passed.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2364 by Representatives Santos, Orcutt, McIntire, Hunter, Armstrong, Morrell, and Roach

Creating a use tax exemption when converting or merging a federal, foreign, or out-of-state credit union into a state charter.

Creates a use tax exemption when converting or merging a federal, foreign, or out-of-state credit union into a state charter.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2365 by Representatives Chase, Skinner, Hunt, Clements, Grant, Chandler, Eickmeyer, Quall, Newhouse, Morrell, Kristiansen, Linville, Clibborn, McCoy, Blake, Holmquist, Hinkle, and Appleton

Extending the date when counties which have authorized facilities for agriculture promotion must allow a credit for city lodging taxes.

Provides that, in the event that any county has levied the tax authorized by this act and has, prior to June 26, 1975, pledged the tax revenues for payment of principal and interest on city revenue or general obligation bonds and has developed facilities for agricultural promotion prior to January 1, 2005, the county is exempt under this act in respect to revenue or general obligation bonds issued after

April 1, 1991, only if the bonds mature before January 1, 2021.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2366 by Representative B. Sullivan

Making certain communications between fire fighters and peer support group counselors privileged.

Makes certain communications between fire fighters and peer support group counselors privileged.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2367 by Representatives O'Brien, Kirby, and Strow; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission

Regarding the certification of tribal police officers.

Authorizes tribal governments to voluntarily request certification for their police officers. Tribal governments requesting certification for their police officers must enter into a written agreement with the commission. The agreement must require the tribal law enforcement agency and its officers to comply with all of the requirements for granting, denying, and revoking certification as those requirements are applied to peace officers certified under chapter 43.101 RCW and the rules of the commission.

Provides that officers making application for certification as tribal police officers shall meet the requirements of this chapter and the rules of the commission as those requirements are applied to certification of peace officers. Application for certification as a tribal police officer shall be accepted and processed in the same manner as those for certification of peace officers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2368 by Representatives B. Sullivan, Jarrett, and Morris

Authorizing development rights demonstration projects.

Finds that it is in the best interest of the state to find innovative and economically sustainable ways to protect the state's dwindling natural resource lands from development or other conversion from working lands or wildlife habitat.

Finds that working natural resource and wildlife habitat lands can be conserved through properly functioning transfer of development rights programs. However, to be successful, a transfer of development rights program must be established in a fashion that facilitates an economically robust market in which development credits from natural resource lands are in demand and can be traded openly in a market.

Finds that a number of geographically limited demonstration projects should be established to create a template for the protection of natural resources that can be emulated by other areas within the state.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2369 by Representatives Quall and Conway; by request of Horse Racing Commission

Authorizing the Washington horse racing commission to expend a statutorily limited amount of its operating funds for the development of the equine industry, improvement of racing facilities, and equine health research.

Authorizes the Washington horse racing commission to expend a statutorily limited amount of its operating funds for the development of the equine industry, improvement of racing facilities, and equine health research.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 27 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2370 by Representatives Green, Williams, Kessler, Kilmer, and Chase; by request of Governor Gregoire

Funding low-income home energy assistance.

Provides funding for low-income home energy assistance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 27 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

HB 2371 by Representative B. Sullivan

Studying the statewide procurement of technical assistance.

Appropriates the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, as a pilot project to contract with a statewide procurement technical assistance program based in Snohomish county to expand procurement technical assistance services.

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to report to the legislature on the results of the pilot project. The report shall include the number of businesses served, contracts written, monetary value of contracts, and a plan for sustainable and ongoing funding. The department shall report to the appropriate legislative committees by January 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 27 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2372 by Representatives Cox, Buri, and Williams

Encouraging volunteers to teach hunter education courses.

Provides that, to encourage the participation of an adequate number of instructors for the training program, all volunteer instructors committing to teach at least two full classes, with at least one class being held between August

15th and November 30th, shall be given the opportunity to purchase one multiple season big game permit under RCW 77.32.450 for each year he or she teaches the qualifying classes.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 28 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2373 by Representative Pearson

Concerning riparian flood damages.

Requires the department to, when reviewing applications for hydraulic projects under RCW 77.55.021 specifically intended by the applicant to eliminate or reduce damages to upland properties caused by potential floods, give equal consideration to protecting fish life, public safety, and private property.

Authorizes any person who suffers damages to his or her property due to flooding of a riparian area to bring an action against the department of fish and wildlife as a state agency, along with a personal action against the director of the department of fish and wildlife, in a court of competent jurisdiction for exemplary damages of up to three times the actual damages sustained in the flooding event, plus reasonable fees for attorney expenses and expenses incurred in proving flood damages, if the department of fish and wildlife had, in the ten years preceding the flood event, denied or unreasonably conditioned a hydraulic project approval under chapter 77.55 RCW for a hydraulic project that would have prevented or lessened the flood damage.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 28 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2374 by Representative Pearson

Requiring public motorized access plans for department of natural resources' lands.

Requires the department to prepare, maintain, and administer individual public motorized access plans for all public lands, other than aquatic lands, contained within each of the department's administrative units.

Requires the access plans to: (1) Estimate the number of miles of road or trail within each administrative unit that were open for public motorized access in 2003;

(2) Ensure that changes in road access within each administrative unit are implemented so that there is not a net loss of road or trail miles available for public motorized access within each administrative unit from the 2003 levels identified in the access plan; and

(3) Ensure that all future road or trail access closure decisions within an administrative unit are coupled by the opening of an equal number of road or trail miles for public motorized access within the same administrative district.

Requires the initial individual public motorized access plans for each administrative district to be completed by April 1, 2007, with implementation completed by August 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 28 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2375 by Representatives Williams and Priest; by request of Statute Law Committee

Simplifying session law publication.

Provides that the statute law committee, after each legislative session, shall distribute, sell, or exchange session laws as required under this act.

Repeals RCW 40.04.035 and 40.04.040.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 28 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2376 by Representative Clibborn; by request of Governor Gregoire

Repealing cost-sharing in medical programs.

Deletes cost-sharing in medical programs.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 28 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2377 by Representatives Kirby and Dunn

Repealing the additional cigarette tax enacted in 2005.

Repeals RCW 82.24.026.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2378 by Representatives Kirby and Dunn

Repealing the additional liquor tax enacted in 2005.

Repeals the additional liquor tax enacted in 2005.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2379 by Representatives Lantz and Serben

Disposing of nonprobate assets under will.

Provides that, if the owner revokes the later beneficiary designation, and there is no other provision controlling the disposition of the asset, the asset shall be treated as any other general asset of the owner's estate, subject to disposition under the other applicable provisions of the will.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2380 by Representatives Serben and Lantz

Changing the threshold age of minors under the uniform transfers to minors act.

Revises the threshold age of minors under the uniform transfers to minors act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2381 by Representative Kretz

Authorizing a beaver relocation permit.

Finds that beavers have historically played a significant role in maintaining the health of watersheds in the Pacific Northwest and act as key agents in riparian ecology. The live trapping and relocating of beavers has long been recognized as a beneficial wildlife management practice, and has been successfully utilized to restore and maintain stream ecosystems for over fifty years.

Declares that the benefits of active beaver populations include reduced stream sedimentation, stream temperature moderation, higher dissolved oxygen levels, overall improved water quality, increased natural water storage capabilities within watersheds, and reduced stream velocities.

Finds that relocating beavers into their historic habitat provides a natural mechanism for improving the environmental conditions in Washington's riparian ecosystems without having to resort to governmental regulation or expensive publicly funded engineering projects.

Provides that, whenever the department undertakes the trapping of nuisance or problem-causing beavers, the department must, if the option is available, capture the beavers with a live trap and work with the holders of beaver relocation permits issued under this act to relocate the beavers onto properties that have requested their placement.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2382 by Representative Kretz

Providing limited liability immunity for injuries at bovine handling facilities.

Provides that an owner, operator, or manager of a bovine handling facility, and the owner of bovine handled at or processed through a bovine handling facility, are not liable for an injury to or the death of a person who knowingly and voluntarily participates in bovine handling activities at a bovine handling facility or knowingly and voluntarily enters onto the premises of a bovine handling facility as a spectator of bovine handling activities.

Declares that nothing in this act prevents or limits the liability of an owner, operator, or manager of a bovine handling facility, or an owner of bovine handled at or processed through a bovine handling facility, if the owner, operator, or manager of the bovine handling facility, or the bovine owner: (1) Intentionally injures the participant or spectator or commits an act or omission that constitutes willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the participant or spectator and that act or omission caused the injury;

(2) Owns, leases, rents, or otherwise is in lawful possession and control of the land or facilities upon which the participant or spectator sustained injuries because of a dangerous latent condition which was known to or should have been known to the owner, operator, or manager of the bovine handling facility, or the bovine owner, and for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted; or

(3) Is liable under chapter 16.04 or 16.24 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2383 by Representative B. Sullivan

Creating a joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Finds that the aerospace sector, as the state's largest manufacturing and exporting industry, has made a significant contribution to local, regional, state, and national economies.

Finds that airports of regional significance in both eastern and western Washington have underutilized property and facilities that could become substantial tools for economic development.

Declares an intent to examine and determine how untapped capacity at airports of regional significance can be used to expand manufacturing, research and development, education, and training for the aerospace industry.

Establishes the joint legislative task force on aerospace manufacturing.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2007.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the house of representatives and the senate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to carry out the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2384 by Representatives Dickerson, Buck, Blake, and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Concerning the state geological survey.

Declares an intent that the survey place primary emphasis on the statutory objectives of recognition and mitigation of geologic hazards and risks affecting public health and safety and the promotion of economic development of the mineral resources, including, but not limited to, metals, oil, natural gas, coal, coalbed methane, geothermal energy, and aggregate, of Washington. Economic development projects proposed or undertaken must involve basic and applied surface and subsurface geologic research and mapping similar to that undertaken by geological surveys in other states and be designed to encourage the mitigation of geologic hazards and resource exploration and development by industry.

Requires the map and study to: (1) Conduct basic mapping of the geologic units and structure by delineating their geographic locations, ages, history, and orientations;

(2) Identify geologic hazards and risks, including those from landslides, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods;

(3) Document, regulate, and maintain records on the state's geological resources;

(4) Promote general knowledge and awareness of the state's geology for educational and recreational purposes.

Requires the survey to prepare printed and published reports, pamphlets, charts, and maps embracing the matters

addressed in this act. All maps, charts, special bulletins, and other publications are for public distribution, but the survey may make a reasonable charge to cover publication and distribution costs. Publications should be made available either in print or digital media.

Repeals RCW 43.30.600, 43.92.020, 43.92.040, 43.92.060, and 43.92.070.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2385 by Representatives Kretz, Blake, and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Making technical corrections to certain public lands statutes.

Makes technical corrections to certain public lands statutes.

Repeals 2003 c 381 ss 1, 2, and 3.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2386 by Representatives B. Sullivan and Chase; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Modifying provisions related to the commercial harvest of geoduck clams.

Revises provisions related to the commercial harvest of geoduck clams.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2387 by Representatives B. Sullivan and Chase; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Allowing the department of natural resources to exchange certain state lands.

Authorizes the department of natural resources to exchange certain state lands.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2388 by Representatives Conway and Chase; by request of Employment Security Department

Ensuring employers do not evade their contribution rate.

Provides that, if it is found that a purpose of the transfer or acquisition of a business was to obtain a reduced array calculation factor rate, then the following applies: (1) If the successor was an employer at the time of the transfer, then the experience rating accounts of the employers involved shall be combined into a single account and the employers assigned the higher of the predecessor or successor array calculation factor rate.

(2) If the successor was not an employer at the time of the transfer, then the experience rating account of the

acquired business must not be transferred and, instead, the new employer rate shall be assigned.

Provides that, if the person knowingly evading the successorship provisions, or knowingly attempting to evade these provisions, or knowingly promoting the evasion of these provisions, is not an employer, the person is subject to a civil penalty assessment of five thousand dollars per occurrence. In addition, the person is subject to the penalties prescribed in RCW 50.36.020 as if the person were an employer. The person must also pay for the employment security department's reasonable expenses of auditing his or her books and collecting the civil penalty assessment.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2389 by Representative Kagi

Adding porphyria to the list of disabilities for special parking privileges.

Applies to persons with acute sensitivity to light.

Declares that persons who have been issued the parking privileges based on a diagnosis of porphyria may only park in places reserved for persons with physical disabilities from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2390 by Representative Kagi

Modifying requirements for licensing of facilities serving children and persons with developmental disabilities.

Requires consideration of the suitability of the location of the facility, and whether the location of the facility could adversely impact the persons served by the facility. In making this determination, the secretary shall consider whether the existence of similar facilities in the proposed location may adversely impact the persons to be served by the facility including, but not limited to, the ability of those persons to be integrated into the community.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2391 by Representatives Campbell, Flannigan, McCune, and Williams

Authorizing blood or breath tests of persons involved in fatal motor vehicle accidents.

Provides that any person who operates a motor vehicle within this state and is involved in a motor vehicle accident in which there is a death or reasonable likelihood of death to another person shall, at the direction of a law enforcement officer, submit to a test of his or her breath or blood for the purpose of determining the alcohol concentration or presence of any drug in his or her breath or blood. The person's consent is not required.

Requires the law enforcement officer to forward the results of the breath or blood alcohol test to the chief of the

Washington state patrol to be used as provided under RCW 46.52.060.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2392 by Representative Dickerson

Modifying the family and medical leave act.

Revises provisions of the family and medical leave act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2393 by Representatives Dunshee, Jarrett, Ormsby, Cox, Ericks, Newhouse, Kilmer, and Chase

Funding energy freedom projects.

Provides funding for energy freedom projects.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2394 by Representative Dickerson

Including financial literacy in work activity provisions.

Finds that for a variety of reasons, many citizens may lack the basic financial knowledge necessary to spend their money wisely, save for the future, and manage money challenges, such as a job loss, financing a college education, or a catastrophic injury.

Finds that financial literacy is an essential element in achieving financial stability and self-sufficiency.

Declares an intent to encourage participation in financial literacy training by WorkFirst participants, in order to promote their ability to make financial decisions that will contribute to their long-term financial well-being.

Requires the department to consider the options for financial literacy training available in the community, including information and resources available through the financial literacy public-private partnership created under RCW 28A.300.450, and may authorize up to ten hours of financial literacy training as a core activity or an optional activity under WorkFirst.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2395 by Representative Dickerson

Addressing the impact of domestic violence on children.

Finds that there is a lack of common understanding among victim advocates, child welfare authorities, law enforcement, and the courts in dealing with the effects of domestic violence on families. Problems raised by domestic violence are compounded by differing perspectives about how to address its impact on families.

Finds that discussion and resolution of these perspectives is essential to the common goal of protecting children. Efforts to enhance the safety and support of

nonoffending parents lead to increased safety and well-being for children.

Finds that in cases of child abuse or neglect, reasonable intervention should include routine screening for domestic violence and, in cases where domestic violence is indicated, reasonable intervention should also include a comprehensive assessment regarding the risk posed by the offender, and referrals to appropriate services and relevant intervention for every family member.

Acknowledges the efforts of the Washington state gender and justice commission in its work on the Washington state coordinated response protocol project and the template for coordinated response to child maltreatment and domestic violence.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2396 by Representative Dickerson

Convening a work group to evaluate issues relating to school security professionals.

Provides that the work group shall evaluate and make recommendations to the legislature regarding, at least the following: (1) A model policy regarding the duties and roles of school security professionals within the educational environment, including the use of force by such professionals, that provides necessary flexibility for schools with different needs and differing demographic, geographic, cultural, and other characteristics;

(2) What minimum skills and abilities a school security professional should possess to effectively perform the essential job functions of such a position, and what minimum training should be required of school security professionals;

(3) Whether benefit would be gained by developing a school security license or licenses and, if so, what the minimum requirements for such licensure should be;

(4) Whether a limited law enforcement commission for school security professionals should be developed and, if so, what the essential job functions of and qualifications for such a commission should be; and

(5) A model policy regarding supervision of school security professionals.

Directs the work group to submit to appropriate committees of the legislature a final report and recommendations regarding the topics in this act by November 15, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2397 by Representative Dickerson

Establishing a pilot program to deliver mental health treatment to children.

Provides that, to the extent funding is appropriated in the operating budget, the department shall establish a pilot program to support collaborative local efforts to select, implement, and ensure quality evidence-based mental health services provided to children by December 2006.

Requires the department to utilize the University of Washington school of medicine's department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences division of public behavioral health

and justice to provide support and assistance in all phases of the pilot program including initiating, implementing, and monitoring the pilot program.

Requires that, beginning in July 2007, the Washington state institute for public policy shall conduct a study of the pilot program measuring improvements in the delivery of mental health services to children. The institute shall issue a report containing its preliminary findings to the legislature by December 1, 2007, and a final report by December 1, 2008.

Declares that implementation of this program is subject to the availability of funds.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2398 by Representative Cody

Expanding participation in state purchased health care programs.

Provides for expansion of participation in state purchased health care programs.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2399 by Representative Cody

Creating a survey for health care providers.

Authorizes the department, in collaboration with the work force training and education coordinating board, to distribute survey questions for the purpose of gathering data related to work force supply and demographics to all health care providers who are credentialed by a disciplining authority under RCW 18.130.040. The department may adopt a schedule for distributing surveys by profession so that each profession is surveyed every two years. In developing the survey, the department may seek advice from researchers that are likely to use the survey data.

Requires the department to process the surveys that it receives in such a way that the identity of individual providers remains confidential. Data elements related to the identification of individual providers are confidential and are exempt from RCW 42.56.040 through 42.56.570 and 42.17.350 through 42.17.450, except as provided in a data-sharing agreement approved by the department pursuant to this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2400 by Representative Morris

Creating a sustainable energy trust.

Declares an intent to promote the development of sustainable energy resources, including new energy technologies, and to improve system reliability by establishing a fund that can be used to reduce the cost of deploying distributive generation projects in the state.

Provides that all electric and natural gas companies must collect a system benefit charge from all of the retail electricity consumers within its service area for a period of ten years.

Requires funds collected by an electric or natural gas company through system benefit charges to be deposited in the sustainable energy trust fund, established in this act.

Establishes a grant program to support sustainable energy projects in the state. The purpose of the program is to foster the growth, development, and commercialization of distributive generation projects and related enterprises and to stimulate demand for distributive generation sources that serve end use customers in this state.

Requires the department to establish performance benchmarks against which the program will be evaluated. The grants program must be reviewed periodically by the department. The department must report annually to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature on grants awarded and as appropriate on program review conducted by the department.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 30 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2401 by Representative Morris

Developing regional compacts for siting transmission lines.

Declares an intent to create a regional process for siting of new transmission lines that cross state borders in order to encourage neighboring states to act regionally when proposing new transmission projects. This regional process will facilitate the siting of new cross borders electrical transmission lines by providing a "one stop" licensing process. This act calls for the creation of an interstate body to govern the agreement and activities between the states.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 30 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2402 by Representative Morris

Providing for expedited processing of energy facilities and alternative energy resources.

Provides for expedited processing of energy facilities and alternative energy resources.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 30 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2403 by Representative Morris

Promoting distributive generation.

Authorizes a utility to solicit power purchase agreements to sell the qualifying facilities output to any other Washington utility. The local utility has the option to match the proposed price or must wheel the qualifying facility's output at a flat rate price not to exceed ten percent of the value of the power actually delivered under the contracted price. For purposes of this act, a qualifying facility is any generation facility having five hundred kilowatt capacity or less.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 30 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2404 by Representatives Cody and Morrell; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating retainer health care practices.

Provides that a retainer health care practice may not accept periodic payment for health care services to retainer subscribers.

Authorizes a retainer practice to charge a retainer fee as consideration for being available to provide and providing primary care services to a retainer subscriber during a specified service period if the retainer health care practice deposits the fee in one or more identifiable trust accounts and distributes the fee to the retainer practice at the end of the specified service period.

Requires every retainer health care practice to maintain the following records for a period of five years, and upon request must make the following records available to the commissioner for review: (1) Forms of contracts between the retainer practice and retainer subscribers;

(2) Documents relating to the creation and maintenance of any retainer fee trust accounts;

(3) All advertising relating to the retainer practice and its services; and

(4) All records relating to retainer fees received by the retainer health care practice.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2405 by Representatives Kirby and Roach; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating the compensation paid by an insurer to an insurance broker.

Amends RCW 48.17.270 to regulate the compensation paid by an insurer to an insurance broker.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2406 by Representatives Roach and Kirby; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Changing insurance statutes, generally.

Revises insurance statutes, generally.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2407 by Representatives Lovick, Strow, O'Brien, Ericks, Dunshee, Linville, Grant, and Lantz

Revising provisions relating to electronic monitoring of sex offenders.

Provides that if the department is required to electronically monitor an offender convicted of an offense listed in RCW 9.94A.712(1)(a) committed prior to the effective date of this act, or if the department chooses to impose electronic monitoring on such an offender

administratively, the department shall electronically monitor the offender utilizing a global positioning system, or similar tracking system, that actively monitors, identifies, and timely reports the offender's location.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2408 by Representatives O'Brien, Rodne, Ericks, Lovick, and Anderson

Modifying the statute of limitations toll for felony sex offenses.

Provides that, in any prosecution for a sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, the periods of limitation prescribed in this act run from the date of commission or one year from the date on which the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by deoxyribonucleic acid testing, whichever is later.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2409 by Representatives O'Brien, Rodne, Ericks, Lovick, and Anderson

Changing the provisions relating to sex and kidnapping offender registration.

Strengthens the sex and kidnapping offender registration statute by decreasing the amount of time within which returning or out-of-state registrants must register after establishing residence in Washington, requiring offenders with fixed residences to provide their complete residential addresses when registering, requiring homeless offenders, when they check in weekly, to inform the county sheriff where they have been over the past week and where they plan to be in the forthcoming week, requiring offenders to sign the written notice they provide to the county sheriff when they change residences or cease to have a fixed residence, and clarifies that any violation of RCW 9A.44.130 is a crime.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2410 by Representatives O'Brien, Rodne, Ericks, Lovick, and Anderson

Changing provisions relating to sex offenders.

Designates the crime of possessing depictions of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct as a sex offense.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2411 by Representatives O'Brien, Rodne, Ericks, Lovick, and Anderson

Changing the provisions relating to punishment for certain sex offenses.

Imposes more severe punishment for certain sex offenses against children by increasing the minimum sentences for rape of a child in the first degree and child molestation in the first degree, when the offender was unknown to the victim prior to the crime, and rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree, indecent liberties by forcible compulsion, and kidnapping in the first degree with sexual motivation, when the victim was under a certain age at the time of the crime.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2412 by Representatives O'Brien, Rodne, Ericks, Lovick, and Anderson

Changing the penalty provisions for violating the registration statute.

Increases the penalty for violating the registration statute by imposing a term of mandatory community custody upon the first offense and assigning the second offense a seriousness level.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2413 by Representatives Lovick, Rodne, O'Brien, Ericks, and Anderson

Requiring the department of corrections to electronically monitor offenders.

Requires the department to, in consultation with the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, conduct a pilot project to evaluate the effectiveness and cost of electronically monitoring sex offenders using an active global positioning system. The department shall electronically monitor, using an active global positioning system or similar system that is designed to actively monitor, identify, and timely report a person's location, all offenders who: (1) Are serving a term of community custody on or after the effective date of this act;

(2) Are required to register under RCW 9A.44.130 pursuant to a conviction for a sex offense committed against a victim under the age of eighteen; and

(3) Have been designated as risk level three or have registered as lacking a fixed residence.

Provides that, by December 1, 2007, the department must report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature the results of the pilot project.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2414 by Representative Haler

Regarding Washington's academic assessment system.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to revise the Washington state accountability plan required under section 1111 of P.L. 107-110, the no child left behind act of 2001, to incorporate the following changes to the state academic assessment system: (1) Assessments administered in grades three, five, six, and eight shall assess students learning in reading, mathematics, and science as required by P.L. 107-110 without relying on subjective, open-ended extended responses to test questions; and

(2) The assessment system shall incorporate a combination of statewide and locally selected assessments, as permitted by P.L. 107-110, to provide options other than the Washington assessment of student learning for school district boards of directors to use in grades three, five, six, and eight.

Requires the superintendent to submit the proposed revised plan to the education committees of the legislature for review no later than the 2007 legislative session. After the legislature formally approves the plan through legislation or concurrent resolution, the superintendent shall submit the revised plan to the appropriate federal authorities in time to ensure locally selected assessments for use during the 2007-08 school year.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2415 by Representatives Ericks, Roach, Kirby, Morrell, and Green; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Compensating the victims of uninsured and underinsured motorists.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to protect innocent victims of uninsured and underinsured motorists. Covered persons are entitled to coverage without regard to whether an event was intentionally caused unless the insurer can demonstrate that the covered person intended to cause the damage for which uninsured and/or underinsured motorists' coverage is sought.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2416 by Representative Kessler

Establishing an optional state parks vehicle registration fee.

Provides that, in addition to the vehicle license fees required under RCW 46.16.0621, there shall be paid and collected at the time of initial or renewal registration for each motor vehicle an additional fee of five dollars. The fee shall be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account established in RCW 79A.05.215 to be used for the operation and maintenance of state parks.

Provides that a person who registers a vehicle under this act may, at the time of initial or renewal registration, certify that the person does not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks. If a person certifies that they do not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks, the department shall not collect the additional fee in this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2417 by Representative Buri

Providing excise tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

Provides excise tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2418 by Representatives Springer, Miloscia, and Chase

Increasing the availability of affordable housing.

Finds that while the rapid increase in housing values has exacerbated the affordable housing crisis, the phenomena has also dramatically benefited the state's general fund, the growth of which is directly attributable to increased proceeds from the real estate excise tax.

Declares that a portion of the increased revenue generated from the real estate excise tax must be used to support affordable housing programs that assist low-income households obtain and retain housing. It is the intent of the legislature to appropriate funds for the purposes and amounts identified in this act in the fiscal years ending on June 30, 2007, June 30, 2008, June 30, 2009, and June 30, 2010.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 2419 by Representative Haigh; by request of Lieutenant Governor

Raising funds for hosting a national conference of statewide elected officials.

Finds that due to the massive devastation inflicted on the city of New Orleans by hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005, the city of New Orleans will not be able to meet its obligation to host the national lieutenant governors' association's annual conference scheduled for July 17 through July 19, 2006.

Finds that, in recognition of the unprecedented situation created by this natural disaster, the high national visibility of this important event, and due to the limited amount of time remaining for planning and fund-raising, it is necessary to initiate fund-raising activities for this national conference as soon as possible and with the assurance that all statewide elected officials, legislators, and authorized executive and legislative staff are allowed to solicit the necessary donations to effectively host this event.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2420 by Representatives Kessler and Haigh; by request of Lieutenant Governor

Outlining the duties of the lieutenant governor.

Finds that as the duties and responsibilities of the office of lieutenant governor have continued to incrementally increase, they have been distributed among various noncorresponding chapters in statute.

Finds that by consolidating the duties and responsibilities of the office of lieutenant governor under one chapter it keeps our statutes consistent among the different statewide elected offices and greater facilitates the understanding of the role of the office of lieutenant governor and its many statutorily defined duties and responsibilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2421 by Representatives Williams, Campbell, Hunt, Moeller, and Upthegrove

Prohibiting the force-feeding of certain birds.

Declares that a person may not force-feed a bird, or hire another person to force-feed a bird, for the purposes of enlarging the bird's liver beyond normal size.

Does not apply if the person force-feeds a bird for the purpose of improving the bird's health.

Provides that a person may not sell or offer to sell any foie gras or any product containing foie gras unless the foie gras or product containing foie gras originated from a state or other jurisdiction that prohibits the practice of force-feeding birds to produce foie gras.

Provides that any person who violates this act is subject to a civil penalty of one thousand dollars per violation for each day the violation continues. Moneys collected under this provision shall be deposited into the state general fund.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2422 by Representatives B. Sullivan and Chase

Providing funding for state and local parks.

Finds that the state parks and recreation commission has identified over three hundred million dollars in projects to eliminate the backlog of deferred maintenance projects, improve state park facilities, and provide new investments to implement the state park's centennial 2013 plan.

Finds that significant investments in state parks facilities are necessary to protect public health and safety, reduce current operating and maintenance costs, improve basic park services, and protect valuable cultural and natural resources.

Finds that revenues to the youth athletic facilities account to fund local parks projects have not materialized. Therefore, the legislature finds that new revenue sources are needed to support state and local parks for the benefit of all Washington citizens.

Provides that, in addition to the vehicle license fees required under RCW 46.16.0621, there shall be paid and collected at the time of initial or renewal registration for

each motor vehicle an additional fee of five dollars. The fee shall be deposited as described in this act in the state parks renewal and stewardship account established in RCW 79A.05.215 and the state parks centennial account created in this act to be used for the operation and maintenance of state parks.

Authorizes a person who registers a vehicle under this act to, at the time of initial or renewal registration, certify that the person does not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks. If a person certifies that they do not intend to use the vehicle to visit state parks, the department shall not collect the additional fee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks.

HB 2423 by Representative Anderson

Encouraging the creation of a comprehensive guidance, counseling, and planning program in schools.

Encourages each middle school, junior high school, and high school to implement a comprehensive guidance, counseling, and planning program for all students. The purpose of the program is to support students as they navigate their education and plan their future; encourage an ongoing and personal relationship between each student and an adult in the school; and involve parents in students' educational decisions and plans.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2424 by Representative Grant

Providing sales and use tax exemptions for users of farm fuel.

Provides sales and use tax exemptions for users of farm fuel.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2425 by Representative Kirby

Requiring offenders to be released in the county in which they were convicted.

Requires offenders to be released in the county in which they were convicted.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2426 by Representative Morris; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

Modifying utilities and transportation commission provisions.

Revises utilities and transportation commission provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2427 by Representative Dunshee

Providing restrictions on the exercise of eminent domain.

Provides that private property shall only be taken by the state for a public use. The term "public use" shall only mean the possession, occupation, or enjoyment of the property by the general public or by the state, or a county, city, town, or other municipality; or the use of land for the creation or functioning of public utilities or common carriers such as railroads, utilities, or toll roads; or the acquisition of property to cure a concrete harmful effect of the current use of the land, including the removal of public nuisances or structures that are beyond repair or unfit for human habitation or use; or the acquisition of abandoned property; or the redevelopment or rehabilitation of blighted areas.

Declares that the taking of private property by the state for economic development does not constitute a public use where the primary purpose of such development is for an increase in tax base, tax revenues, employment, or general economic health.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2428 by Representative Kretz; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Authorizing oil and gas regulatory cost-reimbursements.

Provides that the department may enter into a written cost-reimbursement agreement with an applicant, permit holder, or project operator to recover from the applicant, permit holder, or project operator the reasonable costs incurred by the department in carrying out the requirements of chapter 78.52 RCW, as they relate to permit coordination, environmental review, application review, technical studies in support of permit processing, or orders issued by the oil and gas supervisor and permit compliance. Cost-reimbursement agreements are considered an interim measure until oil and gas development activities necessitate additional department staffing resources.

Requires cost-reimbursement agreements to be initiated at the request of an applicant for the purpose of assisting the department in expediting and facilitating the permitting and compliance processes. The cost-reimbursement agreement must identify the specific tasks, costs, and schedule for work to be conducted under the agreement.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HB 2429 by Representative Haler

Regarding Washington's academic assessment system.

Declares that, since the passage of the federal no child left behind act in 2001, there has been rapid implementation of additional components to the state assessment system. As a result, a comprehensive analysis of Washington's assessment system following the implementation of the no child left behind act of 2001 has not been conducted. There

has also not been adequate attention paid to how the system affects the authority and control of locally elected school directors. Therefore, the legislature intends to commission a comprehensive review of Washington's academic assessment system and ensure additional local flexibility within that system.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee and its contractor to submit a report containing the results of the review of the alternative assessment tools to the Washington assessment of student learning by September 30, 2006, and a final report covering the other subjects reviewed under this section to the education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2430 by Representative Haler

Regarding diagnostic assessments.

Provides that, beginning with the 2006-07 school year, school districts shall administer annual diagnostic assessments to all students in the third, fifth, sixth, eighth, and ninth grades in the content areas of reading, mathematics, and science. School districts shall select the diagnostic assessments from those made available by the office of the superintendent of public instruction under this act. Results of the assessments and relevant student, school, and district characteristics shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction to permit research and analysis.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2431 by Representatives Campbell, Morrell, and Ericks

Requiring background checks on persons licensed as health care professionals.

Requires background checks on persons licensed as health care professionals.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2432 by Representatives Campbell, Morrell, and McCune

Modifying property tax exemptions for persons with disabilities related to the performance of military duties.

Revises property tax exemptions for persons with disabilities related to the performance of military duties.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2433 by Representatives Campbell, McCune, and Ericks

Providing property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability.

Provides property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired by reason of physical disability.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2434 by Representatives Kirby, Campbell, and Chase

Limiting the use of consumer credit histories for personal insurance renewal decisions.

Provides that, at renewal, an insurer shall not use a policyholder's updated credit history to determine premium when the updated credit history is less favorable to the policyholder than the prior credit history. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent an insurer from using factors other than a policyholder's updated credit history in determining premium increases, or to prevent inclusion of a policyholder's prior credit history in premium decisions at renewal.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2435 by Representative Kirby

Regulating when candidates may solicit or accept campaign contributions.

Provides that no candidate for state office may solicit or accept contributions from a political committee, a person required to be registered with the commission as a lobbyist under RCW 42.17.150, or a person meeting the definition of a lobbyist's employer under RCW 42.17.020 during the period beginning on the thirtieth day before the date a regular legislative session convenes and continuing thirty days past the date of final adjournment, and during the period beginning on the date a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the date that session adjourns.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2436 by Representative Hudgins

Protecting communities from terrorist attacks at unattended service stations.

Requires the Washington state patrol, in consultation with the state fire protection policy board and the director of fire protection, to adopt permanent rules to ensure the safe operation of unattended gasoline service stations.

Designates minimum requirements for the rules.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2437 by Representatives Hudgins and Chase

Providing guidelines for state-owned refueling stations.

Requires that, when planning for the renovation of a state-owned refueling station, state agencies must, to the

extent practicable, make renovations to ensure that: (1) Alternative fuels are readily available; and
(2) The station is accessible to the public.

Requires that, when planning for the capital construction of a new, state-owned refueling station, state agencies must, to the extent practicable, offer alternative fuels. Any new facility should be sited near a major state highway and be accessible to the public.

Requires the director of general administration to submit a report to the legislature by December 1, 2006, on the specific actions state agencies have taken to make alternative fuels available at existing and future state-owned refueling stations. The director of general administration must submit a second report by December 1, 2010, on the progress that has been made since the initial report to make alternative fuels available at state-owned refueling stations.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2438 by Representative Hudgins

Prohibiting employers from requesting applicant social security numbers.

Provides that an employer may not compel or coerce a person into providing a social security number on an employment application or through any other means until the employer gives the person an offer of employment. Any request for a social security number before an offer of employment must be in writing, and must state that disclosure of a social security number before an offer of employment is voluntary.

Provides that an employer may not discriminate against a person because he or she does not provide a social security number before an offer of employment.

Provides that, if the director determines that an employer violated this act, the employer is subject to a civil penalty of at least one hundred dollars and not more than two hundred fifty dollars for each violation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2439 by Representatives Hudgins and Kilmer

Providing support for military families by exempting home sales resulting from military relocation orders from real estate excise taxes.

Provides support for military families by exempting home sales resulting from military relocation orders from real estate excise taxes.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2440 by Representative Hudgins

Requiring persons doing business with the state and municipalities to report use of offshore items.

Provides that, when competitive bids are solicited for public contract, the solicitation shall set forth, in addition to the terms and specifications thereof, a requirement that the bidder shall furnish, upon completion of the contract, a statement certified by the bidder setting forth the nature and source of offshore items in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars that have been used in the performance of the contract.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2441 by Representatives Hudgins and Chase

Increasing the availability of nonhazardous motor fuels.

Declares that it shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice or an unfair method of competition and therefore unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any person to: (1) Prohibit or in any way prevent a motor fuel retailer from offering and selling, consistent with all other applicable federal or state laws, any nonhazardous motor fuel for use in self-propelled motor vehicles.

(2) Discriminate between motor fuel retailers based on a motor fuel retailer's decision to offer and sell, consistent with all other applicable federal or state laws, any nonhazardous motor fuel for use in self-propelled motor vehicles.

Provides that, in addition to other remedies available under chapter 19.120 RCW, violations of this act shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than five thousand dollars.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2442 by Representatives Hudgins and Chase

Increasing the availability of alternative fuels.

Enhances the availability of alternative fuel at retail gasoline stations.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2443 by Representative Hudgins

Requiring consumer reports procured for employment to be transmitted to the consumer.

Requires consumer reports procured for employment to be transmitted to the consumer.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2444 by Representative Hudgins

Creating the taxpayer business contractor act.

Provides that a contract for the purchase of goods or services entered into with a private sector contractor must contain a clause substantially including the following

requirement: The contractor agrees to identify and make reasonably available an employee of the contractor who is knowledgeable about this contract to appear before, and to answer questions of, the Washington state legislature about the performance of this contract's obligations.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2445 by Representative Hudgins

Ensuring that all taxpayers are eligible for state services.

Provides that any individual who resides in this state and pays a state or local tax assessed pursuant to state law is eligible to receive any service offered to individuals under a program funded in whole or in part by state or local funds, if otherwise eligible under such program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 4 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2446 by Representative Buri

Permitting certain school district substitute employee contracts.

Declares that the provisions of RCW 42.23.030 do not apply to the letting of an employment contract as a substitute teacher or substitute educational aide to an officer of a second class school district that has two hundred or fewer full-time equivalent students, if the terms of the contract are commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the district.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2447 by Representatives Condotta and Armstrong

Extending the expiration date for funding the construction of new regional centers.

Provides that the governing body of a public facilities district created before September 1, 2006, under chapter 35.57 or 36.100 RCW that commences construction of a new regional center, before April 1, 2007, may impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of chapter 82.14 RCW. The tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the public facilities district. The rate of tax shall not exceed 0.033 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or value of the article used in the case of a use tax.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2448 by Representatives Campbell and Conway

Imposing an excise tax on the possession of illegal drugs and alcohol.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to impose an excise tax to generate revenue for state and local law enforcement agencies for use by those agencies to investigate, combat, prevent, and reduce drug crimes, and for the general fund. Nothing in this chapter in any manner provides immunity from criminal prosecution for a person who possesses an illegal substance.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2449 by Representative Miloscia

Regarding campaign contribution limitations.

Declares that no elected public official against whom recall charges have been filed, no authorized committee of the official, and no political committee having the expectation of making expenditures in support of the recall of an elected public official may accept contributions from a county central committee or a legislative district committee during an election cycle that when combined with contributions from other county central committees or legislative district committees would in the aggregate exceed twenty-five cents multiplied by the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction from which the candidate is elected.

Provides that a corporation or labor organization shall not use general treasury funds for the purpose of making contributions or expenditures to influence an election.

Repeals RCW 42.17.690.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2450 by Representative Miloscia

Paying for background information checks performed by landlords and charged to tenants.

Requires landlords to produce, upon request, proof of order and payment for any background information for which a tenant was charged. Proof may be in the form of a receipt, email confirmation, or other document produced by a screening service or from entities listed on the tenant application. The document must mention the tenant's name and social security number or date of birth.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 2451 by Representative Miloscia

Requiring quality management, accountability, and performance systems for school districts.

Finds that legislation enacted in 2005 required all state agencies to implement a quality management, accountability, and performance system to improve public services. School districts should likewise be expected to

demonstrate to the public through quantifiable and measurable means that they are improving their performance, implementing sound management practices, and achieving greater accountability in the use of the public tax dollars that are entrusted to them.

Requires each school district to report annually to the office of the superintendent of public instruction on the quality indicators under this act. The reports shall be included on the school district's and the superintendent's web sites.

Provides that, starting no later than 2009, and at least once every three years thereafter, each school district shall apply to the Washington quality award council under RCW 43.06.335 for an independent assessment of its quality management, accountability, and performance system. The purpose of the assessment is to recognize best practices and identify improvement opportunities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2452 by Representatives Kessler, Armstrong, Clibborn, and Priest; by request of Attorney General

Protecting the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings.

Provides that no judicial, legislative, administrative, or other body with the power to issue a subpoena or other compulsory process may compel the news media to testify, produce, or otherwise disclose: (1) The source of any news or information or any information that would tend to identify the source where such source has a reasonable expectation of confidentiality; or

(2) Any news or information obtained or prepared by the news media in its capacity in gathering, receiving, or processing news or information for potential communication to the public, including, but not limited to, any notes, outtakes, photographs, video or sound tapes, film, or other data of whatever sort in any medium now known or hereafter devised.

Prescribes exceptions to the prohibition.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2453 by Representatives Williams and Hunt

Making the Washington essential property insurance inspection and placement program apply to all counties.

Declares that the Washington essential property insurance inspection and placement program must apply to all counties within Washington state.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2454 by Representatives Williams and Lantz

Revising the privilege for sexual assault advocates.
Revises the privilege for sexual assault advocates.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

HB 2455 by Representatives Williams and Morrell

Modifying basic health plan preexisting condition limitation requirements.

Provides that, to the extent that the administrator adopts, by rule, preexisting condition limitations as part of the benefit package, any such rule must allow an enrollee to credit a period of continued participation in a community-based program established to provide access to health services for uninsured persons against the time period of their preexisting conditions limitation. To receive a credit against a preexisting condition limitation period, the enrollee must have continuously participated in the community-based program for at least three months before submitting a basic health plan application. For the purposes of this provision, "community-based program established to provide access to health services to uninsured persons" means a program that refers low-income uninsured persons to health care providers and facilities who have agreed to provide health services without compensation or expectation of compensation to persons enrolled in the program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2456 by Representatives Roberts and Kagi

Establishing a pilot project to provide mental health consultation services for child care programs.

Finds that children's mental health is critical to school readiness and left untreated, mental health issues create the potential of significant damage and life-long consequences.

Finds that mental health consultation in child-care settings can provide information, education, and support for caregivers and administrators to enable them to identify and work more effectively with children presenting difficult behaviors or other challenges to caregivers.

Declares an intent to promote the integration of mental health services into early care and education settings as a means of early intervention to prevent more serious, long-term consequences and to promote quality child care continuity and school readiness for more children.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2457 by Representative Grant

Providing excise tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

Provides excise tax relief for farm machinery and equipment.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2458 by Representative Rodne

Providing advisory sentencing guidelines.

Provides that, for offenders convicted of a violent offense, the upper limit of the standard sentencing range shall be advisory only. However, without limiting the sentencing discretion of the judge, in cases in which the prosecutor seeks an aggravated sentence, the prosecutor must assert a statutory aggravating factor.

Requires that, in making its determination of the sentence length to be imposed, the court shall consider the risk assessment prepared by the department of corrections, the presentence report, and other materials provided by the offender, and any information provided by the victim or victims of the crime.

Declares that a sentence imposed under this act shall be a determinate sentence unless it is imposed on an offender sentenced under RCW 9.94A.712. The sentence may be appealed by the offender or the state as set forth in RCW 9.94A.585 (2) through (6).

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2459 by Representatives Takko and Blake

Providing excise tax relief for tax proceeds lost due to theft.

Provides excise tax relief for tax proceeds lost due to theft.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

HB 2460 by Representatives Takko and Blake

Making the interest arbitration provisions of the public employees' collective bargaining act apply to certain employees of certain juvenile detention facilities.

Makes the interest arbitration provisions of the public employees' collective bargaining act apply to certain employees of certain juvenile detention facilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2461 by Representative Takko

Modifying provisions relating to dog guides and service animals.

Revises provisions relating to dog guides and service animals.

Declares that a person using or training a dog guide or service animal in a place of public accommodation is liable for any damages caused by the dog guide or service animal to the place of public accommodation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2462 by Representative Moeller

Establishing work groups to periodically review and update the child support schedule.

Finds that federal law requires the states to periodically review and update their child support schedule. Accurate and consistent reporting of the terms of child support orders entered by the courts or administrative agencies in Washington state is necessary in order to accomplish a review of the child support schedule. In addition, a process for review of the schedule should be established to ensure the integrity of any reviews undertaken to comply with federal law.

Provides that, beginning in 2008 and every four years thereafter, the joint legislative audit and review committee, or other entity designated by the legislature, shall prepare a report on the review of the support schedule in accordance with 45 CFR 302.56 and the recommendations of the prior work group, and provide the report to the legislature and to the work group established in RCW 26.19.025 no later than July 1, 2008. The report must include data included in the order summary report collected by the department of social and health services division of child support.

Requires, by April 1, 2006, the division of child support to convene a work group to examine the current laws, administrative rules, and practices regarding child support.

Declares that the objective of the work group shall be to continue the work of the 2005 child support guidelines work group, and produce findings and recommendations to the legislature, including recommendations for legislative action, by December 1, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2463 by Representative Moeller

Modifying dental licensure provisions.

Provides that dentists applying for licensure without examination, who have graduated from dental school prior to the creation of the national board dental examination, are exempted from any requirement to take and pass the examination. "Currently engaged in practice" shall mean engaged in clinical practice no less than two of the last three years for a minimum of two hundred eighty-eight hours per year.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2464 by Representative Curtis

Extending the moratorium on specialty hospitals.

Finds that, in recognition of the complex issues that are raised by the addition of specialty hospitals in communities throughout the nation, the federal government established an eighteen-month moratorium that effectively prevented the establishment of any new physician-owned specialty hospitals reimbursed under medicare and other federal health programs. During the moratorium several federal agencies and private research organizations reviewed the potential impacts of these types of hospitals on the health care system. Among the recommendations, the medicare

payment advisory commission urged the continuation of the federal moratorium through January 1, 2007.

Finds that in Washington state a task force has been convened to review the certificate of need program and report to the legislature by November 2006. This task force will be providing recommendations on several topics specific to Washington state's certificate of need program including the appropriate coverage of specialty hospitals under the program. The legislature finds that it would be premature to take any action with respect to the regulation of specialty hospitals before the issuance of the task force report.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2465 by Representatives Lovick and Kessler; by request of Washington State Patrol

Modifying vehicle equipment standards related to original equipment installed.

Requires every passenger car manufactured or assembled after September 1, 1985; and every passenger truck, passenger van, or passenger sports utility vehicle manufactured or assembled after September 1, 1993, to be equipped with a rear center high-mounted stop lamp meeting the requirements of RCW 46.37.200(3).

Provides that any vehicle may be equipped and when required under chapter 46.37 RCW shall be equipped with a center high-mounted stop lamp mounted on the center line of the rear of the vehicle. These stop lamps shall display a red light visible from a distance of not less than three hundred feet to the rear in normal sunlight, and shall be actuated upon application of a service brake, and may not be incorporated with any other rear lamps.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2466 by Representative Lovick; by request of Governor Gregoire

Providing excise tax relief for aerospace businesses.

Provides excise tax relief for aerospace businesses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2467 by Representative Dunn

Increasing the seriousness level of rape of a child in the second degree.

Increases the seriousness level of rape of a child in the second degree.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2468 by Representative Dunn

Changing provisions relating to adoption.

Declares an intent to ensure that children whose parents are unable to provide for their care are placed with safe and stable families through the process of adoption.

Declares an intent that adoptions be handled efficiently and equitably with the rights of all parties protected. Under no circumstances shall adoptions be delayed, denied, or given preferential treatment based upon the race of the child or prospective adoptive parents. Nor shall any adoption-related fees be based upon the race or physical characteristics of the child, nor of the ability of the prospective adoptive parents to pay the adoption-related fees.

Intends to eliminate any artificial barriers to adoption, such as fees exceeding the actual cost of the adoption-related services provided.

Declares an intent to establish a fund to assist prospective adoptive parents in meeting the actual costs of adopting a child.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Juvenile Justice & Family Law.

HB 2469 by Representative Dunn

Increasing the seriousness level of rape of a child in the first degree.

Increases the seriousness level of rape of a child in the first degree.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2470 by Representatives McCune and Dunn

Designating an official state Christmas tree.

Declares that any evergreen tree, including any fir, pine, spruce, cedar, or other coniferous species, placed or located in the rotunda of the state capitol building during the month of December is designated as the official Christmas tree of the state of Washington.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2471 by Representatives McCune, Miloscia, Dunn, and Campbell

Creating a veteran homeownership program.

Directs the Washington state housing finance commission to create and implement a veteran homeownership program to assist the following individuals purchase a home: (1) Washington state veterans who are eligible for Washington veterans' benefits;

(2) Members and former members of the Washington national guard and reserve who have completed six years of continuous service under honorable conditions; and

(3) Never remarried spouses and dependent children of deceased, eligible veterans.

Provides that the program shall also assist veterans, who are suffering from a disability that is a result of an

injury incurred or disease aggravated by or contracted in the line of duty, make adaptations to a home to be purchased or currently owned when such adaptations are necessary to accommodate the disability.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Housing.

HB 2472 by Representatives Campbell and Hunt

Creating the department of public safety.

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to create a new department of public safety to provide integrated, efficient, and appropriate public safety services to the citizens of the state. To effectuate this purpose, all powers, duties, and functions provided by the Washington state patrol will be administered through the department of public safety, which will consist of the Washington state patrol, the bureau of fire protection, and the newly formed Washington bureau of investigation.

Provides that the Washington state patrol will be restructured to have as its core mission public safety on the state's roadways through enforcement of the traffic laws, commercial vehicle laws, vehicle collision investigations, and motorist assistance.

Provides that the bureau of fire protection will perform its functions under the department of public safety rather than under the state patrol. The Washington bureau of investigation will be created as a division of the department of public safety to serve as a comprehensive state investigative agency with jurisdiction to investigate crimes relating to organized crime activities, drug law violations, and identity theft, and to assist local jurisdictions, at their request, in the investigation of any crime. In addition, the Washington bureau of investigation will maintain and operate the state's forensic laboratory services and criminal justice information services.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2473 by Representative Schual-Berke

Protecting against unfair prescription drug practices by pharmacy benefit managers.

Protects against unfair prescription drug practices by pharmacy benefit managers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2474 by Representative Schual-Berke

Establishing placental and umbilical cord blood donation pilot projects.

Finds that placental and umbilical cord blood is recognized as a viable and more accessible alternative to bone marrow in many medical therapies. Science has discovered ways to treat many types of cancer, blood, and immune disorders through the use of stem cells from placental and umbilical cord blood. Placental and umbilical cord blood is currently used to treat such diseases as

leukemia and over sixty other fatal immune system diseases.

Directs the department of health to establish two pilot programs to allow consenting expectant mothers, delivering in a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, to donate, to a public blood bank, placental and umbilical cord blood following childbirth. One pilot program shall be located in eastern Washington and the other in western Washington. The department shall administer the pilot project in coordination with blood bank resources currently operating in the state.

Requires the pilot projects to: (1) Increase accessibility to placental and cord blood donation programs and public blood banks;

(2) Facilitate the receipt, storage, and distribution of donated placental and umbilical cord blood for use by appropriate patients and, where the donated blood is not suitable for use by patients, for research in projects approved by an institutional review board; and

(3) Increase awareness about placental and umbilical cord donation among expectant parents and health care providers, including in racial and ethnic communities where there are difficulties finding compatible donors.

Directs the department of health to report to the legislature by December 1, 2008, on the results of the pilot projects, including information on donations received and the use of those donations for patients and for research.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

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Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2475 by Representative Conway

Requiring collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

Requires collective bargaining regarding hours of work for individual providers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Commerce & Labor.

HB 2476 by Representatives Shabro and Pearson

Protecting children, vulnerable persons, and communities by strengthening laws regarding sex offenders regardless of whether the perpetrator was known or unknown to the victim at the time of the crime, and kidnapping offenders.

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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2477 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Haigh, and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

Making technical changes to election laws.
Makes technical changes to election laws.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2478 by Representatives Green, Nixon, Haigh, and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

Clarifying laws on ballot measures.

Clarifies laws on ballot measures.

Provides that a person who circulates a ballot measure petition that appears to support a measure that differs from the actual measure attached to the petition is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Repeals RCW 29A.32.050.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2479 by Representatives Haigh, Nixon, Green, and Hunt; by request of Secretary of State

Ensuring equipment accessibility for voters with visual impairments.

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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2480 by Representative Williams

Requiring that CPR be included in high school curriculum.

Requires all high schools in the state to include in their health and fitness curriculum instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation based on up-to-date instructional methods and materials. A high school may collaborate with local agencies such as police or fire departments or community organizations such as the Red Cross to offer the instruction.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2481 by Representative Williams

Insuring victims of crimes.

Finds that access to insurance can be imperiled by the response of insurers to criminal acts. Rather than allow criminals to achieve their objectives, it is the intent of the legislature that criminals, through criminal acts, should not dictate insurance underwriting decisions.

Provides that, annually, each insurer must report underwriting actions to the commissioner if the insurer has taken an underwriting action against any insured who has filed a claim during the preceding sixty months that was the result of arson or malicious mischief. The report must include the policy number, name of the insured, location of the property, and the reason for the underwriting action.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2482 by Representatives O'Brien, Ericks, Kirby, and Williams; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Creating the insurance fraud program.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to confront the problem of insurance fraud in this state by making a concerted effort to detect insurance fraud, reduce the occurrence of fraud through criminal enforcement and deterrence, require restitution of fraudulently obtained insurance benefits, and reduce the amount of premium dollars used to pay fraudulent claims. The primary focus of the insurance fraud program is on organized fraudulent activities committed against insurance companies.

Establishes an insurance fraud program within the office of the insurance commissioner.

Provides that any documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the commissioner and prosecutors that are provided or obtained by the commissioner in an investigation of suspected or actual fraudulent insurance acts are confidential by law, privileged, not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.17 or 42.56 RCW, not subject to subpoena, and not subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the commissioner and prosecutors are authorized to use the documents, materials, or other information in the furtherance of: (1) Any regulatory or legal action brought as part of the commissioner's official duties; or

(2) Criminal prosecution.

Requires the commissioner to prepare an annual report of the activities of the fraud program. The report shall be submitted to the legislature no later than March 1st for the prior calendar year. The report shall, at a minimum, include information as to the number of cases reported to the commissioner, the number of cases referred for prosecution, the number of convictions obtained, and the amount of money recovered.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2483 by Representative Hunter

Providing a provision relating to background checks for unlicensed child care providers.

Finds that additional safeguards are necessary in the approval for receipt of child care subsidies by unlicensed child care providers to ensure the safety of Washington's children. In order to provide the safest environment for children, the department must provide the division with known information regarding an applicants' history of child maltreatment when an applicant seeks approval for the receipt of child care subsidies.

Provides that, except as limited by chapter 49.12 RCW, at the conclusion of the division's investigation, an applicant has the right to review his or her entire investigative file, or any other file maintained by the administration relating to child maltreatment as addressed in this section and to attach rebuttals to any documents as the applicant deems necessary. Rebuttal documents shall be

disclosed in the same manner as the documents to which they are attached.

Does not provide a right to access information that would otherwise be redacted by the administration for the purpose of maintaining confidentiality of persons reporting alleged child abuse or neglect or of children who are the alleged victims of abuse or neglect. The provisions of this act do not supersede the protections provided individuals under the state whistleblower laws in chapter 42.41 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

HB 2484 by Representative Hunter

Making changes to the partisan primary ballot format.

Makes changes to the partisan primary ballot format.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2485 by Representative Hunter

Making a college placement test available for high school students.

Directs the superintendent of public instruction to make available to school districts a college placement test that districts shall annually offer to students in tenth or eleventh grade. Districts shall encourage but may not require students to take the test. The superintendent shall select the test from commercially available products.

Provides that the test shall serve to assist students, parents, and teachers in the planning and selection of appropriate high school courses and to gauge student readiness for postsecondary study, including dual enrollment programs. Results of the tests and relevant student, school, and district characteristics shall be compiled by the superintendent of public instruction to permit research and analysis, including analysis using the unique student identifier, and shall be made available to the parents of those students tested. Aggregate results shall be made available to the public and the legislature.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2486 by Representative Hunter

Increasing high school graduation requirements.

Provides that, beginning with the graduating class of 2010, minimum high school graduation requirements shall include the equivalent of: (1) Four credits of mathematics including algebra II or its equivalent;

(2) Four credits of English including reading, writing, and communications; and

(3) Four credits in either an academic or a career and technical concentration.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2487 by Representative Hunter

Changing the waiver provisions for the 180-day school year.

Provides that the state board of education shall not grant waivers from the provisions of RCW 28A.150.220(3) requiring one hundred eighty school days per school year. Waivers of RCW 28A.150.220(3) granted before the effective date of this act expire at the end of the 2005-06 school year unless such expiration constitutes an abrogation of a collective bargaining agreement or contract within the school district, in which case the waiver may continue until the expiration date previously approved by the state board.

Repeals RCW 28A.305.145.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2488 by Representative Hunter

Requiring automatic external defibrillators at public schools.

Provides that, subject to funding provided by the state expressly for the purposes of this act, each school district board of directors shall: (1) Provide for an automatic external defibrillator to be located in each public school in the district; and

(2) Comply with the requirements of RCW 70.54.310, including training of personnel, use of the defibrillator, and notification of the local emergency medical services organization about the location of the defibrillator.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2489 by Representatives Hunter, Jarrett, and P. Sullivan

Assisting students to graduate from high school on time.

Provides that, for each high school student who was not successful on any or all of the content areas of the high school Washington assessment of student learning, either initially or after subsequent retakes of the assessment: (1) Before the end of the school year in which the assessment was taken, the school district shall identify the student as one of the following using the criteria in this act: (a) high risk of not graduating on time; (b) moderate risk of not graduating on time; or (c) low risk of not graduating on time but needing short-term assistance.

(2) Each high school student identified under this section as at high risk of not graduating on time must attend a summer school program made available through the school district under this section. A student identified as at high risk of not graduating on time shall retain sophomore status until the student either attends summer school or scores at the basic level or above in each required content area on the assessment.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2490 by Representatives Jarrett and Hunter

Providing a financial incentive to school districts for high school students who complete postsecondary credits.

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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Education.

HB 2491 by Representative Jarrett

Reforming regional transportation governance.

Finds that increased demands on transportation resources require increased integration of decision making within urbanized regions. The number of agencies involved in transportation planning and delivery of services has significantly added to the complexity of transportation programs.

Finds that coordinated planning, investment in, and operation of transportation systems by the state and by local governments, can help ensure an efficient, effective transportation system that ensures mobility and addresses community needs. Improved planning, investment, and operation can also enhance local and state objectives for effective regional transportation strategies and effective coordination between land use and transportation.

Finds that it is the will of the citizens of Washington to have a single regional government council to assume responsibility for the metropolitan planning function and be the designated regional transportation planning organization for its area.

Declares that it is therefore the policy of the state of Washington to provide the authority for the citizens of the central Puget Sound counties to create a single regional government council, more directly accountable to the public, with adequate resources to develop and encourage implementation of a comprehensive transportation plan within the state's largest urbanized region.

Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2492 by Representatives Lovick and Strow; by request of Attorney General

Imposing additional registration requirements on risk level III offenders.

Provides that all offenders who are required to register pursuant to this section who have a fixed residence and who are designated as a risk level III must report, in person, every ninety days to the sheriff of the county where he or she is registered. The report shall be on a day specified by the county sheriff's office, and shall occur during normal business hours. Failure to report as specified constitutes a per se violation of this act and is punishable as provided.

Provides that any person who has reason to believe that a person is not complying, or has not complied, with the requirements of this act and who, with the intent to assist that person in eluding a law enforcement agency that is seeking to find the person to question him or her about, or to arrest him or her for, his or her noncompliance with the

requirements of this act: (1) Withholds information from, or does not notify, the law enforcement agency about the person's noncompliance with the requirements of this act, and, if known, the person's whereabouts;

(2) Harbors or attempts to harbor, or assists another in harboring or attempting to harbor, the person;

(3) Conceals or attempts to conceal, or assists another in concealing or attempting to conceal, the person; or

(4) Provides information to the law enforcement agency regarding the person with the knowledge that it is false information is guilty of a class C felony.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Criminal Justice & Corrections.

HB 2493 by Representative Kilmer

Limiting access to law enforcement and emergency equipment and vehicles.

Requires that, prior to selling or giving an emergency vehicle to a person or entity that is not a state or local law enforcement or emergency agency, the seller or donor must remove all emergency lighting as defined in rules by the Washington state patrol, radios, and any other emergency equipment from the vehicles that was not originally installed by the original vehicle manufacturer. If the equipment is not sold to another state or local law enforcement or emergency agency, the equipment must be dismantled with the individual parts being recycled or destroyed prior to being disposed of. The agency must also remove all decals, state and local designated law enforcement colors, and stripes that were not installed by the original vehicle manufacturer.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

HB 2494 by Representatives Kilmer, Lantz, Linville, Buri, Morrell, and Green

Establishing fair market property values by considering the growth management act.

Requires that the restrictions imposed by chapter 36.70A RCW shall be considered by the county assessor in establishing the fair market value of property.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Local Government.

HB 2495 by Representatives Kilmer, Holmquist, Green, Miloscia, and Buri

Establishing a state government efficiency hotline.

Provides that, within existing funds, the state auditor must establish a toll-free telephone line that is available to public employees and members of the public to recommend measures to improve efficiency in state government and to report waste, inefficiency, or abuse by state agencies, state employees, or persons under contract with state agencies.

Requires the state auditor to prepare an annual report and submit the report to the legislature and to the appropriate legislative committees. The report must

describe the number, nature, and resolution of reports made through the hotline and identify savings resulting from improved efficiencies or the elimination of waste or abuse resulting from reports received and investigations conducted under this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HB 2496 by Representatives Kilmer, Skinner, Morrell, Buri, Linville, Green, Ormsby, Lantz, and Miloscia

Providing a job creation tax credit.

Authorizes a job creation tax credit.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2497 by Representatives Kilmer, Buri, Hudgins, Skinner, Green, Morrell, Linville, Ormsby, and Lantz

Authorizing a suspension of business loan payments and interest accrual for active duty national guard members.

Provides that, upon the request of a person serving in the national guard, a bank or trust company that has made a business loan or extension of credit for the person's business must suspend payments and accrual of interest if the person qualifies under this act. In order to qualify for payment and interest suspension, the person must: (1) Be on active duty;

(2) Own a business with five or fewer employees;

(3) Be actively deployed for at least six months internationally or at least one year domestically; and

(4) Submit official documentation that substantiates membership within the national guard and his or her deployment status.

Declares that this act applies only to loans, or other agreements of indebtedness covered by this act, that are executed on or after July 1, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

HB 2498 by Representatives Kilmer, Buri, Morrell, Skinner, Green, and Linville

Establishing an industry cluster-based approach to economic development.

Declares an intent to establish an industry cluster-based approach to economic development as a component of a statewide strategy to address economic growth and quality of life issues.

Directs the department of community, trade, and economic development, or its successor agency, to work with industry associations and organizations to identify industry clusters on a regional and statewide basis. The industry clusters may include, but are not limited to, aerospace, agriculture, food processing, forest products,

business services, financial services, health and biomedical, software, transportation and distribution, and microelectronics.

Appropriates the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

HB 2499 by Representatives Schual-Berke, Morrell, and Cody; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Granting the insurance commissioner the authority to review and approve individual health benefit plan rates.

Grants the insurance commissioner the authority to review and approve individual health benefit plan rates.

Repeals RCW 48.20.025, 48.44.017, and 48.46.062.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2500 by Representatives Green, Morrell, Cody, and Schual-Berke; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Requiring health carriers to report certain information.

Requires health carriers to report certain information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

HB 2501 by Representatives Schual-Berke and Cody; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating group health benefit plan coverage of mental health services.

Clarifies that coverage for mental health services as defined in RCW 48.21.241, 48.44.341, and 48.46.291 applies to all group health plans for groups other than small groups as defined in RCW 48.43.005.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health Care.

House Joint Memorials

HJM 4024 by Representatives Moeller, Hudgins, and Miloscia

Calling on the President to provide a solution to the crisis in Sudan.

Requests that the President of the United States use all political and economic means necessary to bring about a peaceful solution to the crisis and stop the deaths of thousands of innocent people every day.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

HJM 4025 by Representatives Haler, Takko, Newhouse, Nixon, and Moeller

Requesting a next generation nuclear plant project be established on the Hanford reservation.

Requests that a next generation nuclear plant project be established on the Hanford reservation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

HJM 4026 by Representatives Haler, Takko, Newhouse, Nixon, and Moeller

Requesting the Columbia generating station be used for the commercial production of hydrogen.

Requests that the United States Department of Energy provide for the establishment of a project at the Columbia generating station to demonstrate the commercial production of hydrogen at an existing nuclear power plant.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Technology, Energy & Communications.

House Joint Resolutions

HJR 4214 by Representatives Buck and Kessler

Amending the Constitution to improve predictability and stability in the assessment of real property values.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to improve predictability and stability in the assessment of real property values.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Finance.

House Concurrent Resolutions

HCR 4412 by Representatives Kessler and Armstrong

Notifying the Governor that the Legislature is organized.

Notifies the Governor that the Legislature is organized and ready to conduct business.

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Jan 9 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, adopted.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.

HCR 4413 by Representatives Kessler and Armstrong

Providing for reintroduction of bills from last session.
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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

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Third reading, adopted.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.

HCR 4414 by Representatives Kessler and Armstrong

Calling a joint session to receive the State of the State Address.

Calls a joint session to receive the State of the State Address.

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Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.
-- IN THE SENATE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.

Senate Bills

SB 6131 by Senator McCaslin

Requiring costs associated with partisan primaries to be borne by the political parties.

Proposes that major political parties, as defined in RCW 29A.04.086, shall pay for all costs associated with partisan primaries, as described in RCW 29A.52.111. Costs shall be divided equally among the parties including a reasonable amount for administrative costs.

Directs the secretary of state to adopt by rule the calculation for assessment of each party's ratable share of administrative costs pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.

Requires the county auditor to certify the costs to the county treasurer with a copy to be delivered to the political parties. Upon receipt of such certification, each party must pay its share to the county's current expense fund or to the county election reserve fund if such a fund is established.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6132 by Senators Prentice, Zarelli, Roach, Kohl-Welles, and Schoesler

Creating a use tax exemption when converting or merging a federal, foreign, or out-of-state credit union into a state charter.

Creates a use tax exemption when converting or merging a federal, foreign, or out-of-state credit union into a state charter.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6133 by Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Swecker, and Pridemore

Licensing Christmas tree growers.

Provides that no person may operate as a Christmas tree grower without first obtaining a license from the department.

Establishes an advisory committee to advise the director in the administration of the Christmas tree program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6134 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Prentice, Kline, Weinstein, and Poulsen

Allowing canvassing boards to issue notices of civil infractions.

Authorizes the canvassing board to issue notice of a class 1 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW to any person challenging the registration of another if the canvassing board determines that the challenger: (1) Failed to exercise reasonable diligence in determining the accuracy of the allegations on which the challenge is based;

(2) Failed to base the challenge on his or her personal knowledge;

(3) Who in issuing the challenge, primarily considered the voter's political belief, political activity, or any characteristic protected by the law against discrimination under chapter 49.60 RCW; or

(4) Issued a challenge in bad faith or in an effort to intimidate, harass, or otherwise deter a properly registered voter from voting.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6135 by Senator Jacobsen

Regulating off-campus student housing.

Directs the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to develop and implement an

off-campus housing quality assessment program. At a minimum this program must include the following elements: (1) Evaluation of the institution of higher education's responsibility and accountability for the impacts of off-campus housing on the communities in which that housing is located;

(2) Identification of assets and funding necessary to offset any detrimental impacts to the residential community caused by the institution of higher education's off-campus housing;

(3) A process for reviewing the safety and habitability of off-campus housing;

(4) Inventory and analysis of existing and projected off-campus housing needs that identifies the number of housing units necessary to manage projected student population growth;

(5) A review of available land and housing affordability for current and projected off-campus housing needs; and

(6) Analysis of the infrastructure necessary to maintain current and projected off-campus housing needs.

Requires the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to hold a public hearing at least biannually to discuss the institution's development and implementation of the off-campus housing quality assessment program. The president, of the institution of higher education holding the hearing, is required to attend.

Requires the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to establish procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the off-campus housing quality assessment program.

Requires the off-campus housing quality assessment program to be submitted by the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to the department in accordance with the scheduled update, provided in RCW 36.70A.130.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6136 by Senators Pflug, Schoesler, and Johnson

Requiring a work group to assess school nursing services in class I school districts.

Directs the office of superintendent of public instruction and the department of health to collaborate and develop a work group to assess school nursing services in class I school districts.

Requires the work group to: (1) Study the needs of students for school nursing services by acuity levels, including the necessary skills to meet those demands.

(2) In collaboration with the school nurse corps and with public health departments in rural geographic areas, evaluate the feasibility of collaboration between school districts, educational services districts, and local public health departments or districts to provide school nursing services; and

(3) Explore the feasibility of blended funding options.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6137 by Senator Stevens

Providing for discharge of specified personnel who abandon their duties during a state of emergency.

Declares that, for the purposes of this act, "abandons" means that the person is absent without leave from an assigned shift or work station and the person has expressed, either by statement or conduct, intent to abstain from carrying out his or her duties, despite an ability to exercise such duties.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6138 by Senator Stevens

Limiting the power of cities and towns to license businesses.

Establishes limitations on the power of cities and towns to license businesses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6139 by Senator Stevens

Providing additional conditions for justifiable homicide.

Declares that a person is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another person when using deadly force pursuant to RCW 9A.16.050(1)(c) if: (1) The person against whom the deadly force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered a dwelling, residence, other place of abode, or occupied vehicle, or if that person had removed or was attempting to remove another against that person's will from a dwelling, residence, other place of abode, or occupied vehicle; and

(2) The person who uses deadly force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act was occurring or had occurred.

Designates situations when the presumption does not apply.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6140 by Senator Honeyford

Requiring issuance of special permits for certain overlength combination units.

Provides that, in addition to any other special permits authorized by law, the department of transportation shall issue special permits to an applicant for the transport of overlength combination units if the following conditions are met: (1) The combination unit includes two full trailers, two semitrailers, or one semitrailer and one full trailer, and the combination unit does not exceed ninety feet in length;

(2) The trailers must be newly manufactured, newly repaired, or in direct route to the repair shop, and the trailers will be transported outside the state without a load

and will not be used for commercial purposes within the state; and

(3) The appropriate fees under RCW 46.44.0941 have been paid.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6141 by Senator Honeyford

Including the value of wind turbine facilities in the property tax levy limit calculation.

Includes the value of wind turbine facilities in the property tax levy limit calculation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6142 by Senator Honeyford

Regulating the use of bicycles with occupied baby carriers.

Declares that a person shall not operate a bicycle attached to an occupied baby carrier on a street or other roadway, unless the bicycle is operated within a city or town that prohibits the operation of bicycles on the sidewalk adjacent to the street or other roadway.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6143 by Senator Honeyford

Funding vehicle inspections conducted by the Washington state patrol.

Provides that the fees collected under RCW 46.12.040 (3) shall be credited to the vehicle inspection account created in this act.

Provides that expenditures from the account may be used only for vehicle inspections conducted by the Washington state patrol. Only the chief of the Washington state patrol or the chief's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6144 by Senator Stevens

Clarifying the effect of retroactive registration requirements on sex offenders convicted in Washington who leave and then return to the state.

Amends RCW 9A.44.130 to clarify the effect of retroactive registration requirements on sex offenders convicted in Washington who leave and then return to the state.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6145 by Senators Keiser, Zarelli, Franklin, Esser, Doumit, Benson, Pridemore, Roach, Poulsen, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Kline, and Weinstein

Providing parity for home care agency workers.

Provides that benefits, including but not limited to medical, dental, and vision, shall be provided to home care agency workers at the same rate and on the same basis as benefits negotiated for individual provider home care workers.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6146 by Senator Mulliken

Providing excise tax exemptions for districts providing water service that have three hundred connections or less.

Provides excise tax exemptions for districts providing water service that have three hundred connections or less.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6147 by Senators Mulliken and Morton

Exempting small school districts from certain laws and rules.

Provides that all school districts with a student enrollment of less than three thousand students are exempt from all state statutes and rules applicable to school districts and school district boards of directors except as provided in this act.

Requires all such school directors to: (1) Comply with state and federal health, safety, and civil rights laws applicable to school districts;

(2) Participate in the elementary, middle school, and high school standards and assessment examinations as required in RCW 28A.655.061;

(3) Employ instructional staff certificated in accordance with rules adopted under RCW 28A.410.010, but may hire noncertificated instructional staff of unusual competence and in exceptional cases as provided for in RCW 28A.150.260(3)(a);

(4) Comply with the employee record check requirements in RCW 28A.400.303;

(5) Be subject to the same financial and audit requirements as other school districts;

(6) Comply with the annual school performance report under RCW 28A.655.110;

(7) Comply with the open public meetings act in chapter 42.30 RCW; and

(8) Comply with chapters 41.56, 41.58, and 41.59 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6148 by Senators Mulliken, Haugen, Hewitt, Morton, Parlette, Rasmussen, Schoesler, Delvin, and Shin

Providing sales and use tax exemptions for fuel used by farmers in farming businesses.

Provides sales and use tax exemptions for fuel used by farmers in farming businesses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6149 by Senators Schoesler, Rasmussen, and Morton

Authorizing substitute teacher or educational aide contracts for school district officers under certain conditions.

Authorizes substitute teacher or educational aide contracts for school district officers under certain conditions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 8 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6150 by Senators Fraser, Hewitt, Doumit, Pflug, Brandland, Roach, Rasmussen, Pridemore, Deccio, Fairley, Thibaudeau, and Schmidt; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and Public Works Board

Authorizing projects recommended by the public works board.

Authorizes projects recommended by the public works board.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 8 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6151 by Senators Schoesler, Poulsen, Mulliken, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Morton, and Delvin

Protecting aquifer levels.

Finds that the department of ecology adopted ground water management subarea rules to manage aquifer depletions in the Odessa subarea, which includes undeveloped portions of the federal Columbia basin project.

Finds that deep well agricultural irrigation was permitted within the Odessa subarea under the expectation that federal Columbia basin project water would be delivered to replace the temporary ground water withdrawals in time to stabilize aquifer levels.

Finds that because federal project water has not been delivered as anticipated, aquifer levels have continued to decline despite department of ecology and community efforts to manage ground water withdrawals in a sustainable manner.

Finds that, because substantial project expansion and aquifer recharge is a long-term effort, the continued availability of ground water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses in the region is in great jeopardy.

Declares that immediate relief is needed to encourage more efficient use of water and to protect the region's citizens from economic hardships and public health and safety risks that can result from declining aquifer levels.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 9 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6152 by Senator Kastama; by request of Public Disclosure Commission

Regarding penalties for violations of the public disclosure act.

Declares an intent to increase the authority of the public disclosure commission to more effectively foster compliance with our state's public disclosure and fair campaign practices act.

Declares an intent to make the agency's penalty authority for violations of this chapter more consistent with other agencies that enforce state ethics laws and more commensurate with the level of political spending in the state of Washington.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 12 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6153 by Senators Roach, Pflug, Carrell, Benson, Delvin, Schoesler, and Schmidt

Increasing the penalty for sex offenses committed against children.

Finds that children are particularly vulnerable to the crimes committed by sex offenders and that more must be done to stop sex offenders who prey upon children.

Declares an intent to further protect children from sex offenders by increasing the penalty for offenders convicted of rape of a child in the first degree and child molestation in the first degree to a minimum term of imprisonment of not less than twenty-five years.

Declares an intent to require the use of electronic monitoring to supervise the most dangerous sex offenders, if an offender is released back into the community.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 12 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6154 by Senators Roach, Pflug, Carrell, Benson, Delvin, and Schoesler

Including sexually violent predator under the definition of aggravated first degree murder.

Includes sexually violent predator under the definition of aggravated first degree murder.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 12 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6155 by Senator Fairley

Modifying requirements for licensing of facilities serving children and persons with developmental disabilities.

Revises provisions relating to the location of facilities licensed by the department of social and health services for the purpose of serving children and persons with developmental disabilities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 15 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6156 by Senator Fairley

Requiring inspections of remodels to single-family residences.

Finds that among the laudable purposes and objectives for adopting a state building code is the promotion of the health, safety, and welfare of homeowners who remodel or add to their homes.

Finds that such purposes are not met unless the state building code is effectively enforced through a comprehensive inspection program, which emphasizes inspections of remodels and additions to owner-occupied, single-family homes.

Declares that a county or city violates RCW 19.27.050 when the jurisdiction either: (1) Fails to inform a homeowner remodeling or adding to the homeowner's residence that a final inspection is required; or

(2) Fails to ensure that a final inspection is made of the remodel of or addition to an owner-occupied, single-family residence.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 15 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6157 by Senators Jacobsen and Oke

Modifying provisions concerning the administration of a crab pot buoy tag program.

Revises provisions concerning the administration of a crab pot buoy tag program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 16 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6158 by Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Spanel, and Doumit

Concerning public disclosure requirements for sensitive fish and wildlife data.

Clarifies the public disclosure of sensitive fish and wildlife data.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 16 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6159 by Senators Jacobsen, Oke, and Spanel

Concerning recreational fishing for albacore tuna.

Provides that a recreational fishing or shellfish license is required for albacore tuna.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 16 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6160 by Senators Jacobsen, Morton, Fraser, and Oke

Abolishing the Washington wildlife rescue coalition.

Repeals RCW 90.56.100.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 16 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6161 by Senator Oke

Concerning group fishing permits.

Authorizes the director to set conditions and issue a group fishing permit to groups working in partnership with and participating in department outdoor education programs. At the discretion of the director, a processing fee may be applied.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 16 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6162 by Senator Haugen; by request of Transportation Improvement Board

Harmonizing and updating various aspects of the urban arterial program.

Updates various aspects of the urban arterial program.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 20 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6163 by Senators Kastama, Oke, Kohl-Welles, and Rockefeller

Addressing regional fire protection service authorities.

Revises provisions relating to regional fire protection service authorities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6164 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Oke, and Rockefeller

Regulating fire-safe cigarettes.

Authorizes the state director of fire protection to determine for each variety of cigarette sold or proposed for sale in this state whether that variety of cigarette is fire safe.

Provides that a person may not distribute or offer to sell a cigarette within this state unless the cigarette is of a variety the state director of fire protection has listed as fire safe under this act. This provision does not apply to distribution of, or an offer to sell, cigarettes exempted from state taxation.

Provides that a cigarette package or carton may not bear markings, stickers, labeling, or other devices identifying cigarettes contained in the package or carton as fire-safe cigarettes unless the cigarettes are of a variety the

state director of fire protection has listed as fire safe under this act.

Authorizes the state director of fire protection to impose a civil penalty for a violation of this act. The civil penalty may not exceed: (1) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to a wholesaler or retailer, ten thousand dollars or five times the value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater; or

(2) For a person who distributes or offers to sell cigarettes to the public: (a) For a distribution or offer of not more than one thousand cigarettes, five hundred dollars; and (b) for a distribution or offer of more than one thousand cigarettes, one thousand dollars or five times the retail value of the cigarettes involved in the violation, whichever is greater.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6165 by Senators Hargrove, Zarelli, McAuliffe, Esser, Doumit, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Benson, Keiser, Roach, Fairley, and Weinstein

Providing collective bargaining for family child care providers.

Improves access to and the stability of quality child care through providing collective bargaining and other representation rights for family child care providers and licensees.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6166 by Senators Fairley, Benton, Prentice, Keiser, and Franklin; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Regulating mortgage brokers and loan originators.

Establishes provisions to regulate mortgage brokers and loan originators.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6167 by Senators Fairley, Benton, Keiser, Franklin, Prentice, Benson, and Brandland; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Extending the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account.

Extends the mortgage lending fraud prosecution account to June 30, 2011.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6168 by Senators Fairley, Benton, Keiser, Benson, Prentice, Franklin, and Brandland; by request of Department of Financial Institutions

Regulating business development companies and the participation of financial institutions and nondepository lenders in economic development within the state.

Establishes provisions relating to business development companies and the participation of financial institutions and nondepository lenders in economic development within the state.

Repeals RCW 31.24.040, 31.24.050, 31.24.060, and 31.24.180.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6169 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Prentice, Schmidt, Keiser, Benson, Kline, Franklin, Pridemore, and Poulsen

Authorizing removal of discriminatory provisions in the governing documents of homeowners' associations.

Finds that some homeowners' associations have governing documents that contain discriminatory covenants, conditions, or restrictions that are void and unenforceable under both the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 and RCW 49.60.224. The continued existence of these discriminatory covenants, conditions, or restrictions is contrary to public policy and repugnant to many property owners.

Declares an intent to allow homeowners' associations to remove all remnants of discrimination from their governing documents.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 21 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6170 by Senators Rasmussen, Deccio, Mulliken, Jacobsen, Morton, Shin, Hewitt, Zarelli, and Honeyford

Extending the date when counties which have authorized facilities for agriculture promotion must allow a credit for city lodging taxes.

Provides that, in the event that any county has levied the tax authorized by RCW 67.28.180 and has, prior to June 26, 1975, pledged the tax revenues for payment of principal and interest on city revenue or general obligation bonds and has developed facilities for agricultural promotion prior to January 1, 2005, the county is exempt under this act in respect to revenue or general obligation bonds issued after April 1, 1991, only if the bonds mature before January 1, 2021.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

SB 6171 by Senator McAuliffe

Creating a demonstration project to help prepare bilingual and special education teachers.

Finds that there is a considerable shortage of qualified, certificated teachers in the areas of bilingual education and special education.

Finds it will require concerted efforts to counter these deficits and to meet the growing demand for such teachers.

Declares an intent to address this by using the proven successful strategy of recruiting classified public school employees who have the explicit interest, commitment, and life experience to teach in these areas.

Creates a demonstration project to assist classified public K-12 school employees to earn a teaching certificate with an endorsement for bilingual education or special education. The project shall provide conditional scholarships through either the future teachers conditional scholarship program and loan repayment program in accordance with chapter 28B.102 RCW or one of the alternative routes to teacher certification in accordance with chapter 28A.660 RCW.

Directs the higher education coordinating board to provide the legislature and governor with findings about the impact of this demonstration project on persons entering the teaching profession in the shortage areas of bilingual education and special education by no later than January 2008.

Appropriates the sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6172 by Senators McAuliffe, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Shin, Weinstein, and Rockefeller

Strengthening sex offender provisions.

Enhances sex offender provisions.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 22 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6173 by Senator Franklin

Providing excise tax relief for small businesses.

Provides excise tax relief for small businesses.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6174 by Senators Poulsen, Morton, and Rockefeller; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

Modifying utilities and transportation commission provisions.

Revises provisions relating to duties of the utilities and transportation commission, including commissioner

appointments, delegation of powers, and appointment of administrative law judges.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6175 by Senator Jacobsen; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Concerning the regulation of surface mining.

Revises provisions relating to regulation of surface mining.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2007, from the surface mining reclamation account to the department of natural resources for the purposes of surface mine reclamation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6176 by Senators Fraser, Jacobsen, and Doumit; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Concerning the state geological survey.

Declares that the purpose of the state geological survey is to map and study the geology of the state of Washington for the benefit of the citizens of the state. The map and study must: (1) Conduct basic mapping of the geologic units and structure by delineating their geographic locations, ages, history, and orientations;

(2) Identify geologic hazards and risks, including those from landslides, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods;

(3) Document, regulate, and maintain records on the state's geological resources;

(4) Promote general knowledge and awareness of the state's geology for educational and recreational purposes.

Declares that the position of state geologist within the department is created and shall be appointed by the commissioner of public lands.

Repeals RCW 43.30.600, 43.92.020, 43.92.040, 43.92.060, and 43.92.070.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6177 by Senators Fraser, Morton, and Jacobsen; by request of Department of Natural Resources

Authorizing oil and gas regulatory cost-reimbursements.

Authorizes the department to enter into a written cost-reimbursement agreement with an applicant, permit holder, or project operator to recover from the applicant, permit holder, or project operator the reasonable costs incurred by the department in carrying out the requirements of chapter 78.52 RCW, as they relate to permit coordination, environmental review, application review, technical studies in support of permit processing, or orders issued by the oil and gas supervisor and permit compliance.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6178** by Senator Jacobsen; by request of Department of Natural Resources
- Making technical corrections to certain public lands statutes.
 Makes technical corrections to certain public lands statutes.
 Repeals 2003 c 381 ss 1, 2, and 3.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6179** by Senator Jacobsen; by request of Department of Natural Resources
- Modifying provisions related to the commercial harvest of geoduck clams.
 Revises provisions related to the commercial harvest of geoduck clams.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6180** by Senators Jacobsen and Doumit; by request of Department of Natural Resources
- Allowing the department of natural resources to exchange certain state lands.
 Authorizes the department of natural resources to exchange certain state lands.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Dec 29 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.
- SB 6181** by Senator Fairley; by request of Insurance Commissioner
- Regulating the compensation paid by an insurer to an insurance broker.
 Regulates the compensation paid by an insurer to an insurance broker.
- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.
- SB 6182** by Senators Berkey and Fairley; by request of Insurance Commissioner
- Compensating the victims of uninsured and underinsured motorists.
 Declares that the purpose of this act is to protect innocent victims of uninsured and underinsured motorists. Covered persons are entitled to coverage without regard to whether an event was intentionally caused unless the

insurer can demonstrate that the covered person intended to cause the damage for which uninsured and/or underinsured motorists' coverage is sought. As used in this act, and in the section of policies providing the underinsured motorist coverage described in this act, "accident" means an occurrence that is unexpected and unintended from the standpoint of the covered person.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6183 by Senator Kastama

Creating provisions relating to the hepatitis C virus.
 Declares an intent to establish a system to accurately monitor the incidence of hepatitis C in the state of Washington for the purposes of understanding, controlling, and reducing its occurrence, and directing appropriate resources to its treatment. To accomplish this, the legislature has determined that hepatitis C cases shall be reported to the department of health, and that a statewide population-based hepatitis C registry shall be established. To encourage primary and secondary prevention activities, a comprehensive hepatitis C awareness and education campaign shall also be established.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6184 by Senator Kastama

Providing a bonus for teachers who attain certification from the national board for professional teaching standards certification.

Provides that certificated instructional staff who have attained certification from the national board for professional teaching standards shall receive a bonus of ten thousand dollars each year in which they maintain their certification from the national board for professional teaching standards. The annual bonus for national certification is provided in addition to compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary limitation under RCW 28A.400.200. The bonus shall not be considered earnable compensation as defined in RCW 41.32.010 or compensation earnable as defined in RCW 41.40.010 and 41.35.010.

- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
 Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
 Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6185 by Senators Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau, Kline, and Poulsen

Modifying the family and medical leave act.
 Provides that an employee is entitled to a total of twelve workweeks of leave during any twelve-month period for one or more of the following: (1) Because of the

birth of a child of the employee and in order to care for the child;

(2) Because of the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care;

(3) In order to care for a family member of the employee, if the family member has a serious health condition; or

(4) Because of a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of the position of the employee.

Provides that the entitlement to leave for the birth or placement of a child expires at the end of the twelve-month period beginning on the date of such birth or placement.

Declares that any employee who takes leave under this act for the intended purpose of the leave is entitled, on return from the leave: (1) To be restored by the employer to the position of employment held by the employee when the leave commenced; or

(2) To be restored to an equivalent position with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment at a workplace within twenty miles of the employee's workplace when leave commenced.

Declares that it is unlawful for any employer to: (1) Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided under this act; or

(2) Discharge or in any other manner discriminate against any individual for opposing any practice made unlawful by this act.

Provides that an employer who is found, in accordance with this act, to have violated a requirement of chapter 49.78 RCW and the rules adopted under this chapter, is subject to a civil penalty of not less than one thousand dollars for each violation. Civil penalties must be collected by the department and deposited into the family and medical leave enforcement account.

Repeals provisions of chapter 49.78 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6186 by Senator Keiser

Providing insurance coverage to dependent children.

Provides that any disability insurance contract that provides coverage for a dependent child must cover any unmarried child of the subscriber or the subscriber's spouse if the child is under the limiting age of twenty-five.

Provides that any individual health care service plan contract or group health care service plan contract that provides coverage for a dependent child must cover any unmarried child of the subscriber or the subscriber's spouse if the child is under the limiting age of twenty-five.

Provides that any health maintenance agreement that provides coverage for a dependent child must cover any unmarried child of the subscriber or the subscriber's spouse if the child is under the limiting age of twenty-five.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6187 by Senator Keiser

Removing tricare supplemental insurance policies from the definition of health plan or health benefit plan.

Removes tricare supplemental insurance policies from the definition of health plan or health benefit plan.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6188 by Senators Johnson and Keiser

Providing health benefit plans offering coverage for prostate cancer screening.

Provides health benefit plans offering coverage for prostate cancer screening.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6189 by Senator Keiser

Regulating hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers.

Provides that, no later than forty-five days after the end of each calendar quarter, a hospital shall report to the department, for each procedure or drug selected under this act, and an ambulatory surgical center shall report to the department, for each procedure identified under this act, the following: (1) The frequency with which the hospital performed the procedure, or administered the drug in an inpatient setting, or the ambulatory surgical center performed the procedure during the quarter; and

(2) If the procedure was performed or the drug was administered during the quarter, the average and the median of the price charged by the hospital or ambulatory surgical center for the procedure or drug during the quarter.

Requires that, based on statewide data, the department shall identify, and update no less than annually: (1) The twenty-five most frequently performed hospital inpatient procedures;

(2) The twenty-five most frequently performed hospital outpatient procedures; and

(3) The fifty most frequently administered drugs in a hospital inpatient setting.

Authorizes the department to impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each knowing violation of this act.

Requires a hospital to provide to each patient within fourteen days following his or her discharge a written statement: (1) Clearly and concisely summarizing all the services provided to the patient while admitted to the hospital;

(2) Listing any payment due from the patient for these services; and

(3) Indicating for each service where payment is due the name of the facility or individual provider from whom the patient will receive a bill.

Takes effect January 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6190 by Senator Keiser

Establishing a COPES pilot project.

Establishes a twelve month, one county, community options program entry system pilot project. The purpose of the pilot project is to assist independent providers with the collection of community options program entry system client participation money.

Directs the department of social and health services to report on the results of the pilot project to the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must be in two phases. The first report must be made by December 1, 2006, and the final report must be made by June 1, 2007. The final report must include recommendations for funding a future program including a revenue neutral option, an analysis as to why participation is not being paid and any available solutions, and a comparison of collected amounts under the pilot project to collected amounts without the pilot project to determine whether the pilot project is cost-effective.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6191 by Senators Poulsen and Morton

Providing a definition of wood biomass fuel.

Declares that "wood biomass fuel" means a pyrolytic liquid fuel or synthesis gas-derived liquid fuel, comprised primarily of carbon monoxide and hydrogen, produced from wood, and used in internal combustion engines.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6192 by Senator Poulsen

Requiring a feasibility study of the viability of a solar electric generating facility.

Directs the northwest solar center, a program of Washington State University's energy extension service, to conduct a feasibility assessment of the economic and technical viability of building a large-scale, public-demonstration, solar electric generating facility.

Requires the assessment to be completed and a report summarizing the findings prepared and delivered to the energy and fiscal committees of the legislature by December 15, 2006.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to Washington State University for the purposes of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6193 by Senator Franklin

Requiring surveys of health professions work force supply and demographics.

Requires that, every two years the department, in collaboration with the work force training and education coordinating board, shall distribute survey questions for the purpose of gathering data related to work force supply and demographics to all health care providers who are credentialed by a disciplining authority under RCW 18.130.040 and to any individual enrolled in training to become credentialed by a disciplining authority under RCW 18.130.040.

Requires the department to process the surveys that it receives in such a way that the identity of individual providers remains anonymous. Data elements related to the identification of individual providers shall be confidential and shall be exempt from chapter 42.56 RCW, except as provided in a data-sharing agreement approved by the department pursuant to this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6194 by Senator Franklin

Requiring multicultural education for health professionals.

Requires each education program with a curriculum to train health professionals for employment in a profession credentialed by a disciplining authority under chapter 18.130 RCW to require a course in multicultural health as part of its basic education preparation curriculum.

Directs each health professional regulatory authority authorized to establish continuing education requirements to adopt rules that provide continuing education training in multicultural health. Each such health professional regulatory authority shall consult with a knowledgeable entity within a state institution of higher education specializing in health disparities and multicultural care or with the department of health in the development of these rules.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6195 by Senator Franklin

Requiring health impact assessments.

Directs the state board, in collaboration with the governor's interagency council on health disparities, to complete health impact assessments, in collaboration with the council, and with assistance that shall be provided by any state agency of which the board makes a request. The state board may limit the number of health impact assessments it produces to retain quality while operating within its available resources.

Appropriates the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of health for allotment to the state board of health for its use in implementing this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6196 by Senator Franklin

Including a member of the American Indian health commission for Washington state on the state board of health.

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-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6197 by Senator Franklin

Creating the governor's interagency council on health disparities.

Declares an intent to create the healthiest state in the nation by striving to eliminate health disparities in women and people of color. In meeting the intent of this act, the legislature creates the governor's interagency council on health disparities.

Directs the council to promote and facilitate communication, coordination, and collaboration among relevant state agencies and communities of color to address health disparities. The council shall conduct public hearings, inquiries, studies, or other forms of information gathering to understand how the actions of state government ameliorate or contribute to health disparities. Within the limits of their resources, all state agencies must cooperate with the council's efforts.

Directs the governor's interagency council on health disparities to consider in its deliberations an action plan for eliminating health disparities by 2012.

Requires the council to meet as often as necessary but not less than six times per calendar year. The council shall report its progress with the action plan to the governor and the legislature no later than January 15, 2008. A second report shall be presented no later than January 15, 2010, and a final report from the council shall be presented to the governor and the legislature no later than January 15, 2012.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 3 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6198 by Senator Rockefeller

Changing the state formula for funding allocations for pupil transportation.

Revises the state formula for funding allocations for pupil transportation.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6199 by Senator Rockefeller

Regulating sports entertainment facility liquor license fees.

Declares that the cost for a license under RCW 66.24.570 that is issued to the entity providing food and beverage service for a small public or private sports entertainment facility in which baseball is played and which

seats fewer than five thousand persons and is operational for no more than three months per year is three hundred fifty dollars per annum.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6200 by Senator Rockefeller

Creating a child support performance award.

Provides that the department shall: (1) Issue to an obligor or noncustodial parent a formal accounting or financial statement, documenting payments and credits for child support, and if applicable, spousal maintenance, at the end of each year, or upon request;

(2) Award a certificate to those who are in satisfactory or excellent compliance with their noncustodial financial obligations, at the end of each year, or upon request; and

(3) Keep a record of the certificate, which may be admitted at the court's discretion, as evidence in civil proceedings involving the noncustodial parent.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6201 by Senator Fairley

Creating a homeowners' association act committee.

Declares that the purpose of the committee is to review the homeowners' association act, chapter 64.38 RCW, the uniform common interest ownership act, and current issues concerning homeowners' associations as defined in RCW 64.38.010 including, without limitation, the method and manner of amending restrictive covenants, voting, communications between homeowners' association boards and association members, the budget ratification process, potential conflicts between the homeowners' association act and other laws that may be applicable to the organizational form of the association, and the need for reforms regarding the process, in which liens are placed on property for unpaid association dues against a new seller for a previous owner's delinquencies, as well as a review of the required disclosures on the sale of real property within a homeowners' association.

Requires the committee to examine the issues referenced in this act and whether any changes should be made to the homeowners' association act. The committee shall deliver a report of its findings and conclusions and any proposed implementing legislation to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 31, 2006.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6202 by Senator Fairley

Requiring arbitration to resolve homeowners' association disputes.

Requires the owner, occupant, or tenant of the property within a homeowners' association or the homeowners' association board to use arbitration, as provided in chapter 7.04 RCW, to resolve any civil action or controversy arising under this chapter, the governing documents, or the applicable titles that created the association: Titles 23, 23B, 24, and 25 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6203 by Senator Jacobsen

Requiring businesses to issue rain checks for out of stock advertised items.

Provides that no person may sell, offer for sale, or advertise items of merchandise for sale at a discount from the normal retail price without offering a rain check for sale items that become out of stock during an advertised sale period unless: (1) All advertisements for sale clearly indicate the quantity of items available at the sale price and clearly state that no rain checks are offered; or

(2) A customer accepts a comparable discount on a comparable item.

Provides that no person may offer a retail promotional giveaway of items of merchandise without offering a rain check for promotional items that become out of stock during an advertised sale period unless: (1) All advertisements for the promotional giveaway clearly indicate the quantity of items available and clearly state that no rain checks are offered; or

(2) A customer accepts a comparable item.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6204 by Senator Jacobsen

Modifying the imposition of the regional transportation investment district vehicle surcharge.

Provides that a regional transportation investment district shall not impose a surcharge if a city transportation authority created under chapter 35.95A RCW is imposing the special excise tax authorized in RCW 35.95A.080 to repay any remaining debt as part of a dissolution. After a city transportation authority has stopped imposing the special excise tax authorized in RCW 35.95A.080, a regional transportation investment district may impose the surcharge.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.

SB 6205 by Senators Jacobsen and Oke; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

Modifying provisions governing the sale of unneeded park land.

Revises provisions governing the sale of unneeded park land.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6206 by Senators Jacobsen and Oke; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

Allowing the parks and recreation commission to deny or revoke the issuance of a park pass in certain circumstances.

Authorizes the commission to deny or revoke any Washington state park pass for cause, including but not limited to the following: (1) Residency outside the state of Washington;

(2) Violation of laws or state park rules resulting in eviction from a state park;

(3) Intimidating, obstructing, or assaulting a park employee who is engaged in the performance of official duties;

(4) Fraudulent use of a pass;

(5) Providing false information or documentation in the application for a state parks pass;

(6) Refusing to display or show the pass to park employees when requested; or

(7) Failing to provide current eligibility information upon request by the agency or when eligibility ceases or changes.

Authorizes the commission to engage in a mutually agreed upon reciprocal or discounted program for all or specific pass programs with other outdoor recreation agencies.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6207 by Senators Rockefeller, Morton, and Poulsen

Reauthorizing the pollution liability insurance agency.

Reauthorizes the pollution liability insurance agency.

Repeals RCW 70.148.900, 70.149.900, and 82.23A.902.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6208 by Senators Rockefeller and Johnson; by request of Statute Law Committee

Simplifying session law publication.

Provides that the statute law committee, after each legislative session, shall distribute, sell, or exchange session laws as required under this act.

Repeals RCW 40.04.035 and 40.04.040.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6209 by Senator Jacobsen

Modifying utility charge provisions.

Provides that, except as provided in RCW 80.28.240, no gas company, electrical company, or water company

shall charge, demand, collect, or receive compensation for any service from any person who has not entered into a written contract with such company for the provision of such service.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Water, Energy & Environment.

SB 6210 by Senators Fraser and Hewitt; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

Authorizing project loans recommended by the public works board.

Authorizes project loans recommended by the public works board.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6211 by Senator Jacobsen

Creating the timber land revitalization board.

Declares an intent to provide greater state financial assistance to revitalize and maintain forest lands in the state, through creation of a funding board to make grants on a competitive basis that support protection of the forest land base and that assist in developing innovative strategies for supporting economically and environmentally healthy forests and forest-dependent communities.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6212 by Senators Keiser and Thibaudeau; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating retainer health care practices.

Provides that a retainer health care practice may not accept periodic payment for health care services to retainer subscribers.

Authorizes a retainer practice to charge a retainer fee as consideration for being available to provide and providing primary care services to a retainer subscriber during a specified service period if the retainer health care practice deposits the fee in one or more identifiable trust accounts and distributes the fee to the retainer practice at the end of the specified service period.

Requires every retainer health care practice to maintain the following records for a period of five years, and upon request must make the following records available to the commissioner for review: (1) Forms of contracts between the retainer practice and retainer subscribers;

(2) Documents relating to the creation and maintenance of any retainer fee trust accounts;

(3) All advertising relating to the retainer practice and its services; and

(4) All records relating to retainer fees received by the retainer health care practice.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-Term Care.

SB 6213 by Senators Regala and Franklin

Providing a religious exemption to the clean indoor air act.

Declares that a building or part of a building where religious ceremonies are conducted when smoking is part of the ritual is not a place of employment.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6214 by Senators Keiser, Schmidt, Kastama, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Pridemore, Roach, Shin, Benson, and Franklin

Modifying requirements for security guard training.

Declares that, to promote and protect the safety of persons and the security of property, the director shall develop and adopt rules establishing a standard course and curriculum for private security guard preassignment and postassignment or on-the-job training and testing requirements. The department must approve all training provided under this provision.

Provides that a course of training required under this provision may be administered, tested, and certified by any department-certified trainer, but the majority of the classroom instruction must be taught by means of in-person instruction.

Provides that, in addition to the postassignment training required under RCW 18.170.100, a private security company must annually provide each licensed security guard in its employ with eight hours of specifically dedicated review or practice of security guard skills taught by department-certified trainers.

Requires the director to consult with consumers, labor organizations representing private security officers, private security companies, educators, and subject matter experts before adopting or amending rules relating to the training and testing requirements of this section.

Authorizes the department to assess civil penalties against a private security company in the amount of one hundred dollars for the first violation and two hundred dollars for subsequent violations for the failure to: (1) Maintain an accurate and current record of proof of completion of preassignment training by each private security guard employed by the company;

(2) Provide each private security guard with certification of completion of preassignment training;

(3) Administer to each private security guard the postassignment training and review or practice of security guard skills according to the schedule required under RCW 18.170.100(3); or

(4) Maintain an accurate and current record of proof of completion of the postassignment training and review or practice of security guard skills required under RCW 18.170.100(3).

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6215 by Senators Kline and Johnson; by request of Attorney General

Defining the liability of public entities for tortious conduct.

Recognizes that some government functions are comparable to private activities. The legislature intends that public funds be used to pay reasonable compensation for injuries caused by the tortious actions of government in performing functions comparable to private activities.

Recognizes that many government functions have no private counterparts. These are governmental functions whose purpose is to improve general welfare but not to protect the interests of each citizen individually. Unique governmental functions, such as regulation, law enforcement, social welfare programs, and public facility design, involve policy issues, decision processes, and risks that are unlike those in private activities. The legislature intends that public funds not be used to pay for claims resulting from the exercise of governmental functions that have no private counterpart.

Declares that this act is an implementation of the authority granted to the legislature by Article 2, section 26 of the Washington state Constitution. All of the provisions of this act should be construed with a view to carrying out the intent expressed in this section.

Declares that none of the provisions in this act may be construed as creating any new or additional liability. This act shall be reconciled with other statutes related to government liability in the following manner: (1) If another statute specifically creates a cause of action for an alleged tort related to a particular government agency or function, that statute governs liability for such agency or function, rather than this act.

(2) If another statute provides an immunity or limitation on liability for a government agency or function, the provisions of this act shall apply in addition to the existing immunity or limitation on liability.

Repeals RCW 4.24.470, 4.92.090, and 4.96.010.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6216 by Senators Kline, Johnson, Keiser, and Schmidt; by request of Attorney General

Protecting the news media from being compelled to testify in legal proceedings.

Provides that no judicial, legislative, administrative, or other body with the power to issue a subpoena or other compulsory process may compel the news media to testify, produce, or otherwise disclose: (1) The source of any news or information or any information that would tend to identify the source where such source has a reasonable expectation of confidentiality; or

(2) Any news or information obtained or prepared by the news media in its capacity in gathering, receiving, or processing news or information for potential communication to the public, including, but not limited to, any notes, outtakes, photographs, video or sound tapes, film, or other data of whatever sort in any medium now known or hereafter devised.

Specifies circumstances where a court may compel disclosure of news or information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6217 by Senators Kastama, Roach, and Rasmussen; by request of Military Department

Making permanent the enhanced 911 advisory committee. Makes permanent the enhanced 911 advisory committee.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6218 by Senators Prentice, Fairley, Rockefeller, Weinstein, Shin, Berkey, Kline, Keiser, Franklin, Regala, Thibaudeau, and Jacobsen

Extending retirement benefits to domestic partners. Extends retirement benefits to domestic partners.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6219 by Senators Keiser, Weinstein, Eide, Pridemore, and Prentice

Providing for financial literacy education.

Recognizes that a lack of financial literacy can pose a significant barrier for individuals seeking to achieve financial prosperity and life-long stability.

Finds that it is of the utmost importance to ensure that Washington's students are educated in financial matters in order to prepare them for financial independence and help them develop the fiscal responsibility and financial management skills necessary to have a secure future and succeed in the twenty-first century.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education.

SB 6220 by Senators Keiser and Kline

Preventing cities or towns from laying off employees to then hire inmate labor.

Provides that a city or town shall not lay off, or conduct a reduction in force affecting, permanent employees and fill the open positions created by the lay off or reduction in force with inmates provided through a correctional industries program under chapter 72.09 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6221 by Senators Franklin, Kline, Kastama, Keiser, Regala, and Jacobsen

Revising limitations on use of public funds for political purposes.

Revises limitations on use of public funds for political purposes.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6222 by Senator Rockefeller

Making assault of a teacher on school premises a class C felony.

Applies to a person who, with intent to cause bodily harm, assaults a teacher on school premises if the teacher is performing his or her official duties at the time of the assault.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

SB 6223 by Senator Rockefeller

Modifying provisions regarding abandoned or derelict vessels.

Declares that a person who causes a vessel to become abandoned or derelict upon aquatic lands is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Authorizes an authorized public entity that has taken temporary possession of a vessel to require that all reasonable and auditable costs associated with the removal of the vessel be paid before the vessel is released to the owner.

Repeals RCW 79.100.090.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

SB 6224 by Senator Regala

Expanding parenting provisions in the WorkFirst program.

Declares that work activity shall include satisfactory participation in instruction or training which has the purpose of improving parenting skills or child well-being.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

SB 6225 by Senators Rasmussen, Honeyford, Haugen, and Morton

Regulating the installation, repair, and maintenance of domestic well water systems.

Provides regulations for the installation, repair, and maintenance of domestic well water systems.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6226 by Senator Fairley

Providing campaign contribution limits for candidates for judicial office.

Establishes campaign contribution limits for candidates for judicial office.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.

Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.

SB 6227 by Senators Franklin and Fairley

Setting limits on imposing fees for late payment of a tenant's rent.

Provides that: (1) A landlord may not charge a fee for late payment of the tenant's portion of the rent in excess of ten percent of the tenant's rent or fifty dollars, whichever is greater.

(2) A landlord may not charge a late payment fee more than once per month or within the first five days after rent is due.

(3) A rental agreement may not impose any interest, penalty, or fee, associated with the failure to pay rent, except as authorized by this section.

(4) Any fee imposed in excess of the amounts allowed by this section is void and unenforceable.

(5) A landlord may not evict a tenant for failure to pay a late payment fee, but may deduct the late payment fee amount from the tenant's security deposit.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6228 by Senator Fairley

Clarifying which law governs when homeowners' association provisions conflict.

Declares an intent that the governing documents control a homeowners' association, unless expressly provided otherwise in chapter 64.38 RCW. If the governing documents are silent, this chapter controls. If this chapter is silent or a conflict exists, the titles under which the association was formed control: Title 23, 23B, 24, or 25 RCW.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.

SB 6229 by Senator Spanel

Creating a registration program for home inspectors.

Provides that, in order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, any person in either public or private capacity practicing or offering to practice home inspecting, is required to submit evidence that he or she is qualified to practice and must be certified as provided in this act. It is unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice home inspections in this state, or to use in connection with the person's name or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that the person is a home inspector, unless the person has been duly registered under the provisions of this act.

Provides that any person who engages in, or offers to engage in, home inspections in this state without being registered in accordance with this act, or any person presenting or attempting to use as his or her own the certificate of registration or the seal of another, or any

person who gives any false or forged evidence of any kind to the board or to any member thereof in obtaining a certificate of registration, or any person who falsely impersonates any other registrant, or any person who attempts to use the expired or revoked certificate of registration, or any person who violates any of the provisions of this act is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that it is the duty of all officers of the state or any political subdivision thereof, to enforce the provisions of this act. The attorney general shall act as legal adviser of the board, and render such legal assistance as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor,
Commerce, Research & Development.

SB 6230 by Senators Parlette and Doumit

Extending the state sales and use tax credit for certain public facilities districts.

Extends the state sales and use tax credit for certain public facilities districts to April 1, 2007.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

SB 6231 by Senator Spanel; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Exempting certain private air ambulance services from licensing under the insurance code.

Provides that a private air ambulance service that solicits membership subscriptions, accepts membership applications, charges membership fees, and provides air ambulance services, to subscription members and designated members of their household is not an insurer under RCW 48.01.050, a health carrier under chapter 48.43 RCW, a health care services contractor under chapter 48.44 RCW, or a health maintenance organization under chapter 48.46 RCW if the private air ambulance service: (1) Is licensed in accordance with RCW 18.73.130;

(2) Attains and maintains accreditation by the commission on accreditation of medical transport services or another accrediting organization approved by the department of health as having equivalent requirements as the commission for aeromedical transport;

(3) Has been in operation in Washington for at least two years; and

(4) Has submitted evidence of its compliance with this act, the licensing requirements of RCW 18.73.130, and accreditation from the commission or another accrediting organization approved by the department of health as having equivalent requirements as the commission for aeromedical transport to the commissioner.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial
Institutions, Housing & Consumer
Protection.

SB 6232 by Senators Keiser and Thibaudeau; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Requiring health carriers to report certain information.

Requires health carriers to report certain information.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-
Term Care.

SB 6233 by Senators Thibaudeau and Keiser; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Granting the insurance commissioner the authority to review and approve individual health benefit plan rates.

Grants the insurance commissioner the authority to review and approve individual health benefit plan rates. Repeals RCW 48.20.025, 48.44.017, and 48.46.062.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Health & Long-
Term Care.

SB 6234 by Senators Fairley, Keiser, and Spanel; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Creating the insurance fraud program.

Declares that the purpose of this act is to confront the problem of insurance fraud in this state by making a concerted effort to detect insurance fraud, reduce the occurrence of fraud through criminal enforcement and deterrence, require restitution of fraudulently obtained insurance benefits, and reduce the amount of premium dollars used to pay fraudulent claims. The primary focus of the insurance fraud program is on organized fraudulent activities committed against insurance companies.

Establishes an insurance fraud program within the office of the insurance commissioner.

Provides that any documents, materials, or other information in the possession or control of the commissioner and prosecutors that are provided or obtained by the commissioner in an investigation of suspected or actual fraudulent insurance acts are confidential by law, privileged, not subject to public disclosure under chapter 42.17 or 42.56 RCW, not subject to subpoena, and not subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action. However, the commissioner and prosecutors are authorized to use the documents, materials, or other information in the furtherance of (1) any regulatory or legal action brought as part of the commissioner's official duties, or (2) criminal prosecution.

Requires the commissioner to prepare an annual report of the activities of the fraud program. The report shall be submitted to the legislature no later than March 1st for the prior calendar year. The report shall, at a minimum, include information as to the number of cases reported to the commissioner, the number of cases referred for prosecution, the number of convictions obtained, and the amount of money recovered.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial
Institutions, Housing & Consumer
Protection.

- SB 6235** by Senators Kastama and Roach; by request of Secretary of State
- Jan 9 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection.
- Making technical changes to election laws.
Makes technical changes to election laws.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6236** by Senators Schmidt, Kastama, and Swecker; by request of Secretary of State
- Changing election dates and deadlines.
Revises election dates and deadlines.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6237** by Senators Schoesler, Prentice, and Hewitt
- Simplifying tax application and administration.
Simplifies tax application and administration.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
- SB 6238** by Senator Jacobsen
- Adding speed violations on arterial highways to the traffic safety camera law.
Includes speed violations on arterial highways to the traffic safety camera law.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6239** by Senators Hargrove, Johnson, and Doumit; by request of Attorney General
- Changing provisions relating to crimes.
Revises provisions relating to crimes.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.
- SB 6240** by Senator Jacobsen
- Regulating interchange and associated fees.
Declares that "interchange fee" means the fee a merchant's financial institution pays to a cardholder's financial institution when a cardholder uses a credit card or debit card as payment during a retail transaction.
Provides that financial institutions may not charge interchange fees that are more than one and one-half percent of the total cost of the retail transaction.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
- SB 6241** by Senators Haugen, Benson, and Jacobsen; by request of Governor Gregoire
- Making 2006 supplemental transportation appropriations.
Makes 2006 supplemental transportation appropriations.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Transportation.
- SB 6242** by Senator Kastama; by request of Secretary of State
- Ensuring equipment accessibility for voters with visual impairments.
Ensures equipment accessibility for voters with visual impairments.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
- SB 6243** by Senator Kastama; by request of Secretary of State
- Clarifying laws on ballot measures.
Clarifies laws on ballot measures.
Provides that a person who circulates a ballot measure petition that appears to support a measure that differs from the actual measure attached to the petition is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.
Repeals RCW 29A.32.050.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Jan 6 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Government Operations & Elections.
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- Senate Joint Memorials**
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- SJM 8026** by Senator Stevens
- Requesting the enactment of federal immigration legislation.
Requests that federal immigration legislation prohibiting alien trafficking be passed to improve this nation's security.
States that the legislation should provide significantly stronger penalties and enforcement resources to pursue employers who knowingly take advantage of aliens who would seek a better life in our country, and aid their illegal status by hiring undocumented workers. In addition, employers should be assisted in complying with the law through an improved verification system.
-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --
Dec 7 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Labor, Commerce, Research & Development.

SJM 8027 by Senator Morton

Requesting Congress to allow management of anadromous fish predators.

Requests Congress to allow management of anadromous fish predators.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8217 by Senator Franklin

Amending the state Constitution to provide for a revenue stabilization fund.

Proposes an amendment to the state Constitution to provide for a revenue stabilization fund.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Dec 8 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 8414 by Senators Brown and Hewitt

Establishing cutoff dates for the 2006 regular session.

Establishes cutoff dates for the 2006 regular session.

-- 2006 REGULAR SESSION --

Jan 5 Prefiled for introduction.
Jan 9 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.
-- IN THE HOUSE --
Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, adopted.